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'22 election season ends with today's runoff race

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REPORTER

Thousands are going to make their voices heard today, Friday, in a combative runoff election between the tandem of young and aggressive Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), of the well-oiled Republican Party machinery, and a team of seasoned politicians Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, of the unified independent team, as the 2022 election season finally winds down.

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Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios retrieves his identification card after showing it to a Commonwealth Election Commission staff in order to vote for the runoff election at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday. Also in the photo is the Democratic Party's defeated gubernatorial candidate Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan), who is endorsing the candidacy of Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, for the runoff race.

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Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang hands over his identification card to a Commonwealth Election Commission staff in order to vote at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday.

Another default judgment sought vs IPI

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC is faced with another possible default judgment of over $200,000 following a recent application for default judgment filed by USA Fanter Corp. Ltd., with the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

USA Fanter, though its attorney, Colin Thompson, recently applied for default

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Krevoy eyes April to start shooting movies in CNMI

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Hollywood movie producer Brad Krevoy gets assistance from a Bank of Saipan employee in opening his bank account Tuesday related to his plan to create a movie industry in the CNMI.

» Filmmaker says they have to hit the ground running in January for plan to create CNMI film industry

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Hollywood filmmaker Brad Krevoy disclosed Tuesday that they want to start shooting for their slate of movies

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Walmart manager kills 6 in Virginia in another mass slaying

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CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP)—A Walmart manager pulled out a handgun

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INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING

A Saipan International School student visits one of the food booths at the school's International Thanksgiving last Nov. 23. Close to over 500 people gathered under the flags of 25-plus nations to celebrate Thanksgiving the SIS way—with an international feast.

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High surf, rip currents today

The public is being warned of large breaking waves of seven to nine feet in the surf zone along north and east facing reefs of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, as well as dangerous rip currents.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam, the high surf advisory will be in effect until 5am tomorrow, Saturday, while the high risk of rip currents will last through late tonight, Friday.

These conditions will create dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions.

The public is urged to stay out of the water along north and east facing reefs. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don't swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. ***(PR)***

$100K bail set for man accused of drug trafficking

The Superior Court has imposed a $100,000 cash bail on a man who is allegedly involved in drug trafficking.

Superior Court associate judge Joseph Camacho imposed last Friday a $100,000 cash bail on Yang Jian Hao, who is accused of drug trafficking after he was allegedly identified as the individual who previously sold methamphetamine to a Department of Public Safety Drug Enforcement Task Force informer during several sting operations.

Yang, 41, is currently facing one count of trafficking and possession of a controlled substance.

After the hearing, Yang was remanded back to Department of Corrections custody. He was ordered to return to court on Nov. 28 at 9am for his arraignment hearing.

According to court documents, Yang was arrested following several sting operations by the task force where he allegedly sold methamphetamine to a task force informant.

The task force reportedly recovered 12.1 gross grams of meth from the suspect.

The task force then acquired a search warrant signed by Camacho to search Yang's residence where they allegedly found another 3.3 gross grams of methamphetamine and "a large sum of U.S. currency." ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

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EDUCATION AWARDEES

The 2022-2023 state education awardees pose with their trophies during the Education Day celebration last Wednesday at the Saipan Southern High School campus. They are, from left to right, Administrative Support Staff of the Year Stanislao "Stanley" Limes; Counselor of the Year Frankie A. Rabauliman Jr.; Teacher Aide of the Year Carleen Lizama; Librarian of the Year Catherine Borja-Flores; Instructor of the Year Jennie Magofna; and Teacher of the Year, Donovan Tudela. LEIGH GASES

CEC charters boat instead of using DPS vessel to get 8 votes from NI

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The Commonwealth Election Commission has chartered a boat instead of using a Department of Public Safety rescue vessel to fetch eight votes from the Northern Islands for the runoff election today, Friday.

CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol disclosed yesterday that she went with chartering a commercial boat for the comfort of the people who will be on the vessel.

Igitol

With a DPS boat, passengers would not be able to rest as they will be getting wet constantly because of the huge waves, she said.

She said the chartered boat left Saipan Wednesday at 8am and will be back here Friday evening.

The passengers are one representative from the Office of Public Auditor, one CEC staff, two DPS police officers, one poll worker each for the Republican Party and for the Democratic Party-unified independent team.

It costs CEC an estimated $20,000 to charter a boat just to get four votes from Alamagan and four votes from Agrihan.

At the Nov. 8 general elections, CEC also chartered a boat to get the eight votes from the Northern Islands.

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Saipan Lions Club unveils new bus stop

The Lions Club International District 204, Region II unveiled their bus shelter project along As Terlaje Hill in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

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The Lions Club International District 204, Region II recently unveiled their finished bus shelter legacy project along As Terlaje Hill in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Annamae Adaza stated that the completion of the project is another milestone for the Saipan Lions Club.

"This is a significant day and a milestone for the Lions Clubs here in the CNMI as our legacy project becomes our reality. This structure is beneficial primarily to the students as they will now have a safe place to stay while they are waiting for the bus. As always, we emphasize safety first," said Adaza.

Adaza noted that the project was made possible by the collaboration between the CNMI government, through the Office of the Governor, and the Lions Clubs in the Commonwealth.

Among those who attended the ceremony were Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Sen. Vinnie S. Sablan (R-Saipan), Rep. Richard Lizama (D-Saipan), Public School System Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada, and members and officers of the CNMI's nine Lions Clubs.

Ada thanked the Lions for initiating the project. "I am very, very proud and very happy to see this. In the future, this bus stop will protect our students and our future students. This is important as we are the custodians of our children today," he said.

Torres reiterated his appreciation to the Lions for their commitment to the community and their continued support for the community. "On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth, thank you so much for continued support for our community and our children," he said.

Lions Club District 204, Region II consists of the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club, the Saipan Unity Lions Club, the Saipan Marianas Lions Club, the Saipan Alliance Lions Club, the Saipan Natibu Lions Club, the Saipan Centennial Lions Club, the Saipan Pacific Lions Club, the Saipan Fitbeat Lions Club, and the Saipan Infinity Lions Club.

KREVOY

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in the CNMI in April 2023

"So that means we have to start pre-production long in advance. We have to start the training programs long in advance," said Krevoy in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* at the Bank of Saipan where he opened an account.

That means they will have to hit the ground running in January next year for his plan to create a film industry in the CNMI by developing a movie studio. Possibly even next month, they will need to get the ball rolling, he said.

"At this moment, we're meeting with writers to finish writing the screenplays, which we started," Krevoy said.

He said he brought a team of three people with him to Saipan, referring to his business partner, James Townsend, who is head of production at Motion Picture Corporation of America; film producer Amy Krell; and David Anselmo, who operates his own studio in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

While he has been meeting with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Krevoy said his team has been to different locations around Saipan.

"And we had a drone with us. We had cameras, we had a videographer," he said.

The filmmaker said what they are going to do now is take all those images that they took and give them to the writers so they can write the scripts for the exact locations that they identified on Saipan.

"There's a huge amount of work to be done," said Krevoy, adding that he will be sending an additional group from his company to Saipan to start the process within the next couple of weeks.

He said he is going to send a whole team out here to start the process because, to enable them to begin productions in April 2023, it requires a lot of work since it's a startup and they're starting from scratch.

Krevoy said they hope that they will be in a position next year to work with Northern Marianas College president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero to start the training programs at NMC.

Krevoy does a lot of traveling as they are in production now of two movies in Salt Lake City, including one that is coming to Netflix—director Tim Burton's new Addams Family spinoff series about Wednesday Adams titled *Wednesday*, starring Jenna Ortega.

Krevoy is also in the process of finishing a movie for Netflix called *Best. Christmas. Ever*, with Heather Graham and Jason Biggs.

He disclosed that they are getting ready to start a new movie in Thailand with Brooke Shields and some other actors.

He said he has to go back to Los Angeles for meetings and that he is hoping to return frequently to Saipan because they want to prepare the movies they hope to make in April.

"It's a very tight turnaround. So we have a lot of work to do to organize everything to prepare for those first group of movies we're [going to] shoot in 2023," he said.

Krevoy said he has enjoyed his time on Saipan. "The people are incredibly nice, highly intelligent, and decent and I'm eager to help build a film community to give a better future for everybody," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said that creating a film industry here is once-in-a-generation opportunity for the local talents in the Marianas and will have a have a huge multiplier effect on the economy.

Krevoy arrived on Saipan last Monday to kick off his plan to create a film industry in the CNMI. He left the island Tuesday.

Krevoy is the founder and chairman/chief executive officer of Motion Picture Corporation of America, a leading Hollywood company well-known for creating commercial motion pictures.

Krevoy's *Dumb and Dumber* comedy movie starred by then-rising star Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels, was a blockbuster in 1994.

Krevoy has become known lately as producer of Christmas-themed entertainment. He produced many holiday movies, including Netflix movies such as *A Christmas Melody starring Mariah Carey, Christmas Prince trilogy,* and the *Princess Switch*.

His recent film, *Falling for Christmas* starring Lindsay Lohan, is one of Netflix's top 10 movies in the U.S. today.

Torres said Krevoy's movie studio will create new jobs for local residents and produce a minimum of 20 motion pictures in the next five years.

WALMART

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before a routine employee meeting and began firing wildly around the break room of a Virginia store, killing six people in the nation's second high-profile mass shooting in four days, police and witnesses said.

The gunman was dead when officers arrived late Tuesday at the store in Chesapeake, Virginia's second-largest city. Authorities said he apparently shot himself. Police were trying to determine a motive. One employee described watching "bodies drop" as the assailant fired haphazardly, without saying a word.

"He was just shooting all throughout the room. It didn't matter who he hit. He didn't say anything. He didn't look at anybody in any specific type of way," Briana Tyler, a Walmart employee, said Wednesday.

Six people were wounded in the shooting, which happened just after 10 p.m. as shoppers were stocking up ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday. Police said they believe about 50 people were in the store at the time.

The gunman was identified as Andre Bing, 31, an overnight team leader who had been a Walmart employee since 2010. Police said he had one handgun and several magazines of ammunition.

Tyler said the overnight stocking team of 15 to 20 people had just gathered in the break room to go over the morning plan. She said the meeting was about to start, and one team leader said: "All right guys, we have a light night ahead of us." Then Bing turned around and opened fire on the staff.

ELECTION

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In the short history of CNMI runoff races, it's always the incumbent that prevails. But with the Democratic Party's defeated gubernatorial candidates, Reps. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) and Leila F. Staffler (D-Saipan) endorsing Palacios-Apatang, this makes this year's runoff race too close to call.

Torres-Sablan topped the general elections after receiving 5,728 votes, while Palacios-Apatang came in second after obtaining 4,890 votes.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol said yesterday that they are prepared for today's runoff election.

The polling precincts on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will be open today at 7am and close at 7pm. Manual counting of votes is expected to immediately follow at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Initial CEC data showed that 6,540 have already cast their votes in the early voting for the runoff election.

Palacios and Apatang, who built their campaign on a theme of "Rebuilding Trust," voted together at the multi-purpose center yesterday morning, which was the last day of the seven-day early voting.

Sablan and Staffler met Palacios and Apatang in the parking lot of the multi-purpose center granted interviews with reporters, and then cast their votes.

Palacios and Apatang came with few supporters.

Palacios, 67, said they decided to get the voting done yesterday, it being Thanksgiving Day.

Palacios said he is looking at the early voting numbers and believes it's pretty much the same with the Nov. 8 general elections. "I'm glad that people are coming out to vote and that they are energized," he said.

As to the mudslinging exchanged by both camps, Palacios said a lot of that are happening on social media and that he and even Torres cannot control the people and individuals doing it.

"I hope that, at the end of the day, when this is all done, that we will as a community come together and heal pretty fast. We've done that before," said Palacios, adding that the runoff is "very contentious."

He said he continues to ask their supporters to tone down the campaign and be civil.

Palacios also stated that there is no truth to the Torres-Sablan campaign materials saying he had a heart attack three months ago. "A lot of fabrication has been coming out," Palacios said.

Apatang, 74, said he is happy to vote on Turkey Day and that he invites voters to vote for Palacios and him, who are No. 1 on the ballot.

Sablan said her message to everyone who is registered to vote and haven't voted yet is to make sure that they make their voices heard. She urged all of their supporters to stay the course and stay together and vote for Palacios-Apatang.

Staffler asked voters not to be distracted. "Stay the course and vote No. 1 [for] Arnold and Dave," Staffler said.

Torres, 43, urged the community yesterday to come out and vote for the leader "who has been there for them."

Torres urged voters to choose the one who has given their all to provide opportunities, protect retirees, build the economy, does many infrastructure projects and roads, increase scholarships, and was able to bring in new airlines.

"I humbly ask to please vote No. 2 on the ballot for Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan and [me]. Thank you for all the blessings and vote of confidence," the governor said.

Torres and 45-year-old Sen. Sablan voted last Sunday. They carried a campaign theme of "Resilience and Visionary Leadership."

Igitol said yesterday that the pace of the seven-day early voting was pretty good and the total amount of voters is high.

At 9am yesterday, which was the last day of early voting, the CEC had 110 voters at the multi-purpose center, she said.

"And then it's starting to calm down because it's Thanksgiving Day," Igitol said.

She said Tinian and Rota are also prepared for the runoff election.

Igitol said they expect the manual counting to be completed fast.

"Please come out and exercise your right to vote," she said.

Torres is no stranger to a runoff election.

He was the running mate of then-governor Eloy S. Inos under the Republican Party when their tandem defeated the independent team of Heinz S. Hofschneider and Ray N. Yumul in the Nov. 21, 2014, runoff race with a big 1,744 margin.

In that four-way gubernatorial race, defeated gubernatorial candidates Juan N. Babauta (independent) and Edward M. Deleon Guerrero (Democrat) immediately conceded and endorsed Inos-Torres for the runoff election.

Hofschneider topped the general elections in 2009, but failed to gain a majority, paving a runoff against then-incumbent governor Benigno R. Fitial. Fitial eventually won the runoff by a margin of 370 votes.

IPI

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judgment against IPI in the amount of $226,127.05 in the contractor's civil lawsuit alleging breach of contract.

U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Ramona V. Manglona issued a notice last Wednesday stating that she would hear the motion next week, Nov. 29, at 9am.

"The District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands will hear U.S.A. Fanter Corporation, Ltd.'s application for Default Judgment pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(2)," her notice stated.

According to a declaration in support of a default judgment signed by USA Fanter financial consultant Antonio Muña, USA Fanter is applying for a default judgment against IPI for its failure to acquire counsel or defend itself in this matter leading to the first entry of default on Nov. 15.

"Plaintiff now files this application to the court to enter default judgment against the defendant in the corresponding amount of $226,127.05. On Nov 15, 2022, the court ordered the clerk to strike IPI's answer and enter default against the defendant IPI. This application follows the order striking defendant's IPI's answer and directing entry of default pursuant to Rule 37," the declaration states.

According to the lawsuit, USA Fanter states that IPI failed to pay a construction staging lease agreement and construction contract that involved quarry products and heavy equipment rentals.

Without factoring interest or late fees, IPI owes USA Fanter $61,600 for unpaid property rent, $87,772.55 for the unpaid change order work, $15,462 for unpaid quarry materials, and $61,292.50 for unpaid heavy equipment rentals—for a total of $226,127.05, according to Thompson.

The lawsuit further states that on or about Dec. 15, 2015, IPI leased the property owned by USA Fanter by the execution of a staging lease agreement, with the term commencing on Feb. 22, 2016, and ending on Dec. 31, 2018, with no right to extend the term of the lease. Pursuant to the lease, IPI agreed to pay plaintiff rent on or before the 25th day of each month.

Thompson said IPI did make some payments to USA Fanter on a month-to-month basis for its occupancy of the property.

However, when IPI transitioned into a holdover occupancy of the property after the lease agreement ended, the monthly payments were reduced to only $5,600 per month. Thompson said the last payment IPI made to plaintiff for its holdover occupancy of the portion of the property was for July 2019.

The lawyer said USA Fanter served IPI with invoices for the amounts outstanding for the occupancy and use of the property but IPI has not responded to these invoices or demands for payment.

Meanwhile, Thompson said USA Fanter and IPI also executed a written construction contract for construction of off-site improvements that was beyond the scope of their previous construction contract.

On Nov. 20, 2018, plaintiff submitted to IPI a change order proposal detailing the cost breakdown for the additional work, which totaled $87,772.55. On March 28, 2019, IPI sent USA Fanter a letter agreeing to the change order and agreeing to pay plaintiff $87,772.55 upon completion of the change order work. On July of 2019, USA Fanter completed all of the work pursuant to the change order but IPI allegedly refused to make the $87,772.55 payment.

As for the complaint regarding the nonpayment of quarry products and heavy equipment rental, Thompson said IPI ordered that USA Fanter procure and deliver quarry products to the defendant on different occasions and that they'd pay for the products. IPI allegedly failed to pay these orders and rentals that totaled $61,292.50.

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Student loan pause extended until Aug. 2023

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Federal student loan borrowers will not have to make payments until the end of August 2023, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) yesterday.

Sablan announced in his *e-kilili* newsletter that the U.S. Department of Education announced Tuesday that if President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness has not been implemented and Republican lawsuits have not been resolved by June 30, 2023, payments will resume 60 days after that.

He disclosed that, along with his congressional colleagues, he urged the Education secretary to extend the pause on federal student loan payments several times.

"I welcome this news since extending the pause will reduce the financial shock of resumed payments, collections, and interest to Marianas borrowers, particularly those who qualify for and expect to receive student loan forgiveness," Sablan said.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the extension will alleviate uncertainty for borrowers as the Biden administration asks the U.S. Supreme Court to review the lower court orders that are preventing the department from providing debt relief of tens of millions of Americans.

U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said that callous efforts to block student debt relief in the courts have caused tremendous financial uncertainty for millions of borrowers who cannot set their family budgets or even plan for the holidays without a clear picture of their student debt obligations, "and it's just plain wrong."

On Aug. 24, 2022, Biden and Cardona announced plans to provide targeted student debt relief to borrowers with loans held by the Department of Education. Borrowers with annual income during the COVID-19 pandemic of under $125,000 (for individuals) or under $250,000 (for married couples or heads of households) who received a Pell Grant in college would be eligible for up to $20,000 in debt cancellation.

To date, the Department of Education said, over 26 million people have provided the department with the necessary information to be considered for debt relief, and 16 million borrowers have been approved.

But court orders are blocking the department from discharging student loan debt and accepting additional applications. Six Republican-led states filed a lawsuit last September, asserting that the Biden administration has overstepped its authority by creating such forgiveness program without going through Congress. They requested the court to stop the federal government from canceling any debt as the case proceeds.

Last month, ruling that the states lacked the standing to bring the lawsuit, U.S. District Judge Henry E. Autrey of the Eastern District of Missouri denied Republican-led states to block the administration from moving forward with the forgiveness program.

The six states then appealed the court's ruling to the Eighth U.S. Circuit of Appeals, which recently issued a nationwide injunction temporarily preventing the administration's student loan debt relief program.

Last week, the Department of Justice requested that the Supreme Court lift the lower court's injunction against the program and suggested that if the court does not do so, it could take up the student debt relief case, to give borrowers the clarity and relief they are depending on.

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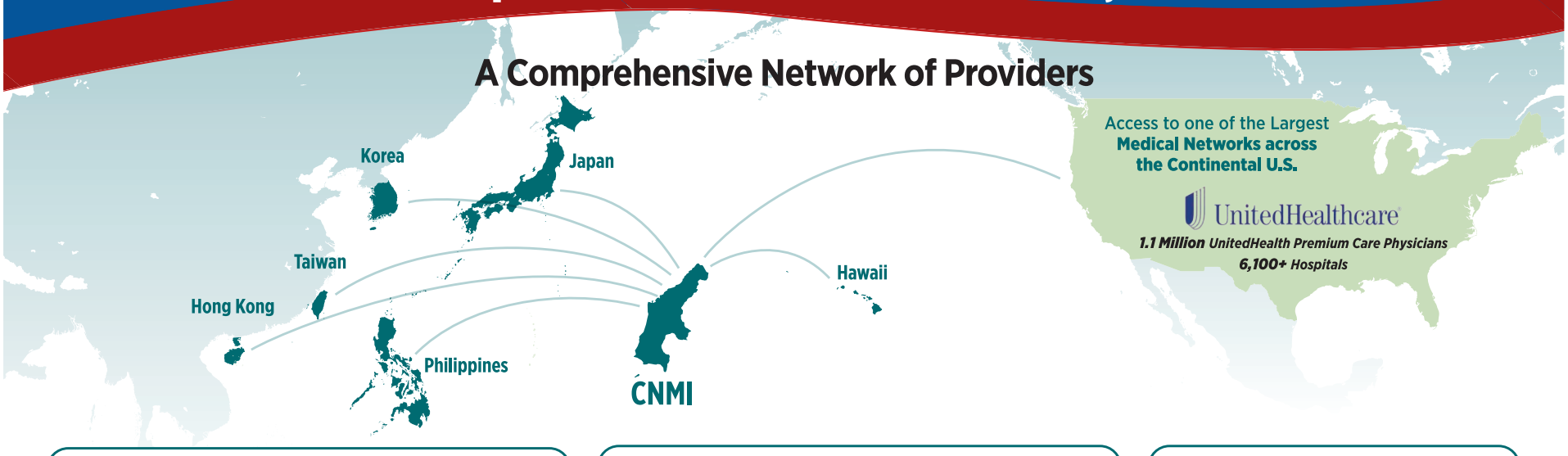

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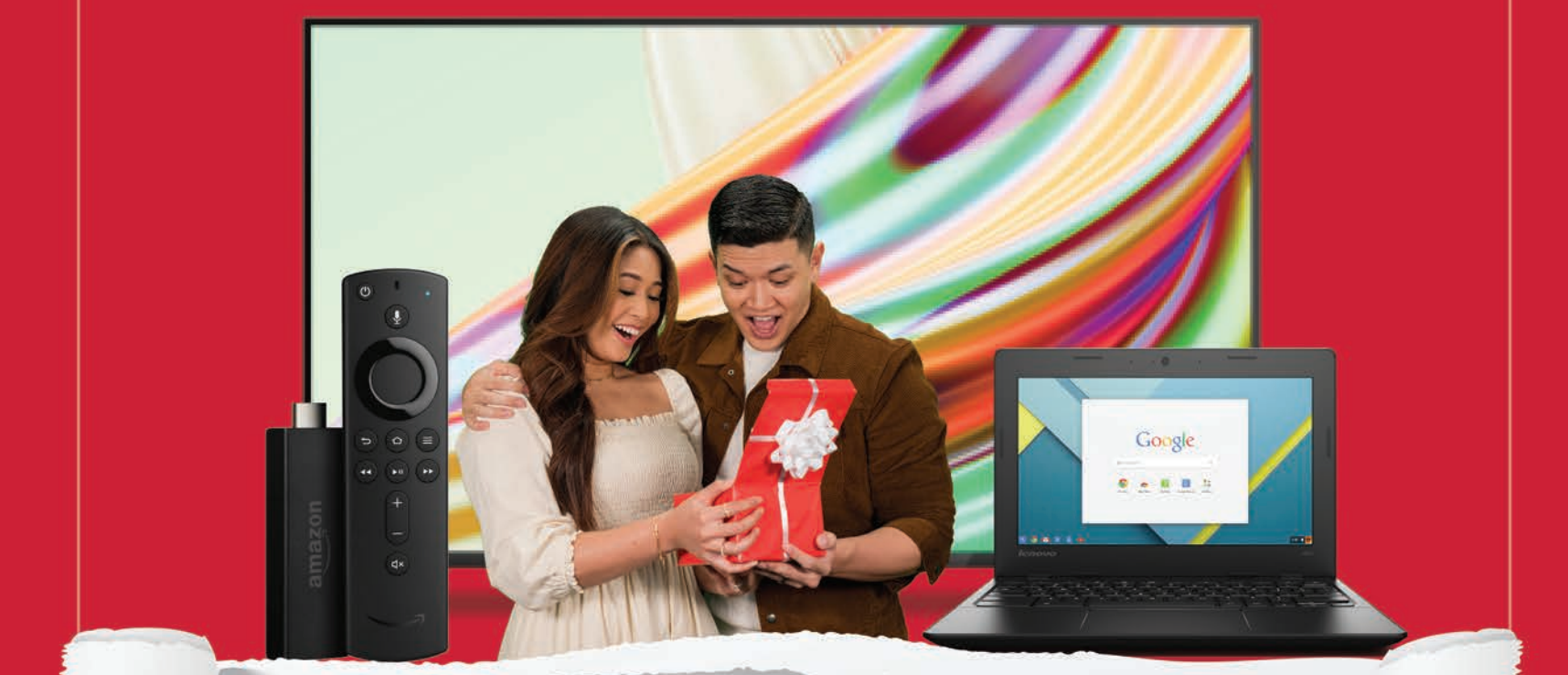

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Qualified Northern Marianas College students who are looking to access financial aid can receive up to $3,448 in Pell grants for NMC's spring 2023 semester if they submit a Free Application for Federal Financial Aid before Dec. 12, 2022.

The Federal Financial Aid program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Through the program's various types of grants, loans, and scholarships, the Federal Financial Aid program is the largest financial aid provider in the U.S.

Students can submit a FAFSA by logging on to fafsa.gov. NMC's school code is 015746.

To verify eligibility for Pell Grants, applicants can contact the NMC Financial Aid Office through email at fao@marianas.edu or call 237-6791/2/3/4. Applicants can also stop by the Financial Aid Office from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science in education (concentration in early childhood education, elementary education, rehabilitation and human services, or special education), bachelor of science in business management (concentration in accounting or without concentration); associate of arts in business, associate of applied science in business administration (emphasis in accounting, business management, or computer applications), associate of applied science in hospitality management, associate of arts in liberal arts (emphasis in education, health and physical education, pre-engineering, social work, or without emphasis), associate of science in nursing, associate of science in agriculture, associate of science in natural resource management, associate of applied science in criminal justice, and associate of science in fire science technology. The certificate programs at NMC include basic law enforcement, business management, computer applications, early childhood education, fire science technology, hospitality operations, nursing assistant, and small business management.

NMC's spring 2023 semester will begin on Jan. 17, 2023. A list of the classes that are offered can be found at www.marianas.edu. For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at (670) 237-6769/70/71/72 or email oar@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

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THANKSGIVING TREAT

In what has become a tradition for the Rotary Club of Saipan, the organization treated the man'amko (elderly) at the Office on Aging to a Thanksgiving Lunch last Tuesday, sponsored by Rotarians, the Rotaract, and Interact clubs.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RFP22– RED001
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

"MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms interested in being the Exclusive Master Concession Operator for service and activities on or relating to Managaha Island.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available online at www.dpl.gov.mp. Interested proposers may request an RFP Packet by email referenced **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA CONCESSION".**

A pre-proposal tour of the island for all interested parties will be held on Managaha Island on **November 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** Additional site visits may be requested through DPL. Interested parties must arrange their own transportation to and from the island.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the premises and the contents of the RFP Packet must be received, **no later than 4:00 pm on November 18, 2022 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar, Secretary, DPL at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: sixto.igisomar@dpl.gov.mp or dpl@dpl.gov.mp

Sealed proposals must be marked **"RFP22-RED001 MANAGAHA ISLAND MASTER CONCESSION OPERATOR".** One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 4:00pm ChST, on November 30, 2022. A non-refundable Administrative Processing Fee of Seventy Five Dollars ($75.00)** is required upon submission of a proposal and payment must be made through cash or check payable to: Department of Public Lands.

By submitting a proposal, the interested firm agrees to enter into a concession agreement. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All costs associated with preparing a proposal are entirely the responsibility of proposers. All proposals shall become the sole property of DPL.

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Steve Llagas
STVBLT Fabrication

Owner of STVBLT Fabrication Steve Llagas receives his BOOST Grant award on Saturday November 12 at the BOOST KAHULO' Mixer Event, by Governor Ralph DLG Torres, along with Host Netty Cee.

BOOST Program is the acronym for - **B**uilding **O**ptimism, **O**pportunities and **S**tability **T**ogether. It is a financial assistance in the form of Grants – initiated by the Office of the Governor, Department of Commerce, and Department of Finance – provided to local businesses and non-profits, as well as coaching and training programs to support their viability and help create employment opportunities. The program also supports the Commonwealth government's goal of diversifying the economy and increasing tax revenues.

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BOOST has helped entrepreneurs across CNMI get back on their feet.

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Trump's announcement and the First Amendment

With the midterm elections over—along with the barrage of mailers, phone calls and TV spots—voters can be excused if they're not eager to be immersed in the next campaign. Yet there was Donald Trump last Tuesday delivering a "very big announcement" about his intention to again seek the GOP presidential nomination in 2024.

Trump's timing turned out to be less than propitious. Many of his highly touted, hand-picked candidates were soundly defeated on Nov. 8, and critics blamed the former president for hampering Republican gains in what was projected to be a big year for them. Interestingly, Trump barely mentioned any of this in his hourlong campaign kickoff address, which focused instead on the nation's challenges moving forward.

The reaction to Trump's announcement was decidedly mixed. But for one member of Trump's inner circle, the fact that news networks didn't carry every word of her boss's oratory was an indication of something sinister at work.

"They don't want the American people to hear directly from the biggest leader of the greatest political movement in our history," Trump spokeswoman Liz Harrington told a radio talk show. "So I do suspect they'll try to censor and cut away. However, the people are anxious to hear from him. So they will go right around the major networks if they do indeed cut away … because that's what you have to do now. We do not have the First Amendment, it's under attack."

Yes, well … the First Amendment may certainly be under attack in some circles—it usually is—but Harrington's concerns offer no example of such. She certainly should know that private news organizations—whether they skew to the left, right or middle—were under no obligation to air any portion, let alone all, of Trump's presidential announcement. The Bill of Rights imposes a host of prohibitions against government conduct in an effort to promote and preserve individual freedom. It doesn't mandate that the media provide coverage to former or current politicians.

If Harrington wants to criticize the media, fine. It's a line of attack that has proved fruitful for Trump—and it's not hard to argue that many powerful news outlets have been overtly hostile to him. But it might be more effective if her assaults on the media weren't based on an interpretation of the First Amendment that any high school civics student would recognize as fallacious and faulty.

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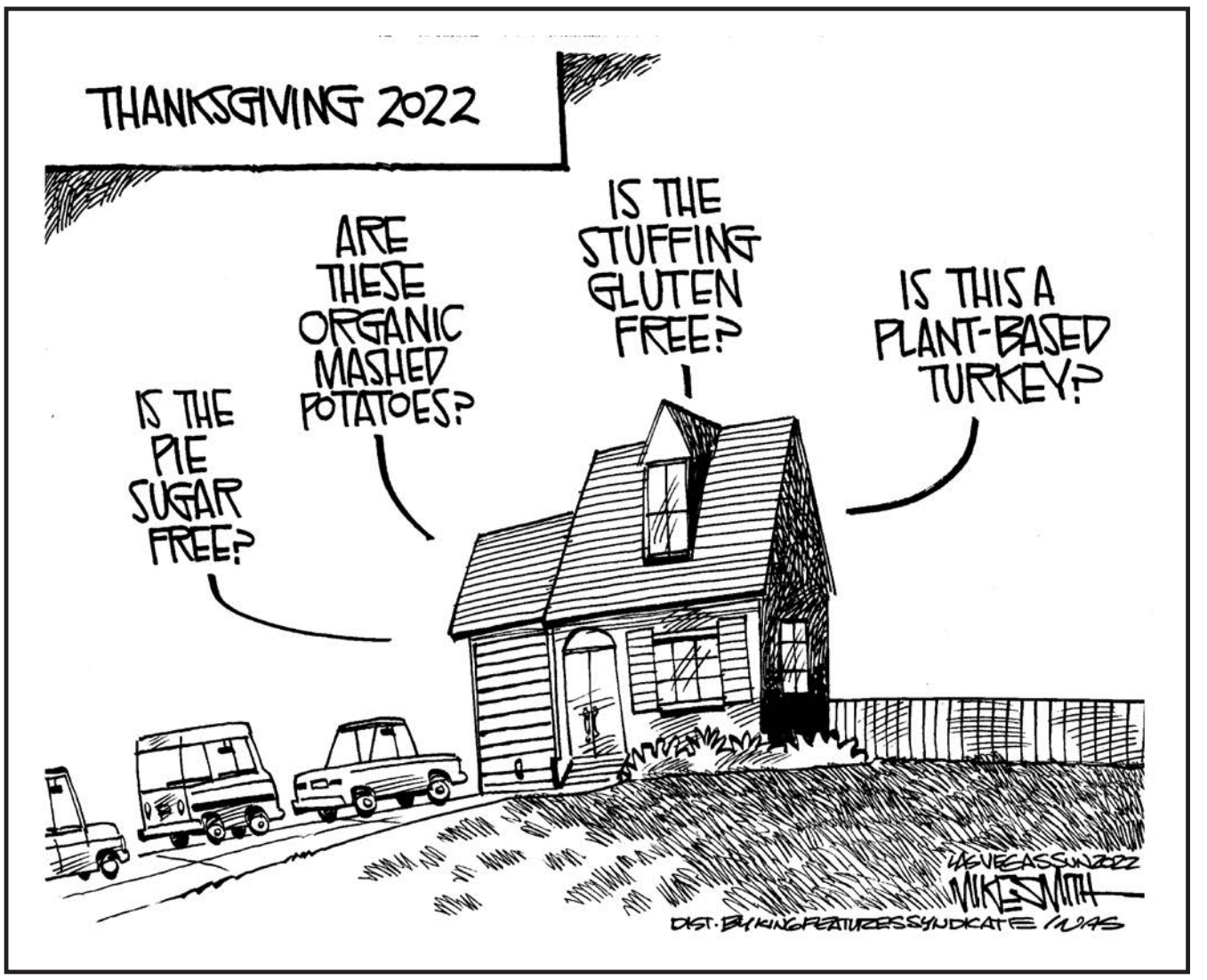
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100% fairness and transparency needed in BOOST program

Editor's Note: The following is the statement Rep. Christina "Tina" Sablan gave on the floor at the joint meeting of the Ways and Means Committee and the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee this week.

By CHRISTINA 'TINA' SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rep. Christina "Tina" Sablan (D-Saipan) is a member of the House of Representatives representing Precinct 2 of the 22nd Legislature. She is a member of the House committees on Ways & Means and Judiciary & Governmental Operations.

The Secretary of Finance was quoted in the papers saying there is "nothing to hide" in the BOOST program. We have certainly heard that line before, many times, from none other than his boss, the governor himself.

Nothing to hide, and yet they hide. They hide so much.

The committees have asked for documents and information that should be 100% public records, and should be 100% actually available to the public.

Why? Because these are 100% public funds, being handed out through a program overseen by government officials.

Gov. Torres likes to throw that 100% figure around. I do too. And when it comes to public funds, we should expect timely, 100% compliance with our requests for information.

The committees have sought really basic information that both Finance Secretary Atalig and Commerce Secretary Deleon Guerrero should be able to provide right away, 100%. Who is administering the program? What is the source of funding? Who has been approved for funding, and in what amounts? Who has not been approved?

There are other questions, too, that the officials in charge of this program should be able to answer, immediately, with 100% transparency—especially since the program is already rolling out and checks are already being issued.

Where are the program guidelines? They're nowhere on the website, so where are they? Certainly nothing was published for public review and comment before the governor rolled out this program. I suspect they don't exist. Because if they did exist, why not publish them?

All that one can find on the BOOST website are vague, short blurbs. Apparently all one has to do to apply for a BOOST business grant is write a letter, attach a business plan and profile, and a list of products and services. If you're a subsistence farmer, fisherman, or rancher, all you have to do, apparently, is take a photo and fill out a simple one-pager declaring that you are a farmer, fisherman, or rancher, and boom—you get your $500 boost.

The website does say that applications will be processed "subject to availability of funds, and that the "program may terminate without notice." Which doesn't exactly boost confidence in the integrity of this program. And which brings me to this point: We don't even know how much money is available. Those numbers keep changing. Why is there no consistency—0% consistency—between the amount announced by the federal government and the amounts that CNMI officials are touting?

Also, what is the cap on the amount of money that can be awarded? The website says there are limits, but they're for "internal guidance" and "not publicly available so as not to encourage applicants to apply for the full amount." That doesn't even make sense. Since when does a taxpayer-funded business grant or loan program not publish the maximum amount that a qualified applicant may apply for? A simple Google search will show that announcing the caps on such awards is pretty standard.

Nothing to hide they say, so why hide that? Maybe to encourage certain people who would be in the know to apply for the max. Or maybe it's a moving target, and they're flying by the seat of their pants. Who knows? Only Gov. Torres and a small inner circle of people know.

Moreover, why has the deadline been extended three times? And why was there such a short application period for the farming, fishing, and ranching grants? They announced it last week, and the deadline was Friday, hence the 100% awful lines out the door at the bank and the 100% pandemonium that was created at the business licensing office last week.

Why did the deadline have to be Friday? How much planning

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election innuendos

So much negativity has been said on social media about my personal decision to endorse the Torres/Sablan gubernatorial candidacy for the runoff election. Certain members of my former party mates even accused me of stealing and lying.

So, let me address these two very libelous issues before my lawyer files our civil lawsuit. First off, I never steal anything from anyone. The individual who claims otherwise and continues to spread this malicious allegation should take the appropriate action by filing a complaint to proper authorities for legal disposition. My lawyer will withhold filing the civil defamation lawsuit until after proper authorities receive the complaint and a thorough investigation is done. At the advice of my lawyer this will be the only time I will address the stealing claim.

As to the claim that I lied to anyone about my personal decision and my choice to pursue a different fundamental belief—the economic advancement of NMDs—is completely erroneous. Let me be distinctively clear. I did not switch political party. I switched my personal priority and passion. I made this decision openly known to the members of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. Nothing was hidden, I clearly expressed it out in my retirement letter to the chairman of the party.

On the contrary, I took the appropriate and proper way of informing my former chairman and members of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of my decision to end my membership after 52 years of loyalty and devotion. I did so through a letter I personally delivered to the chairman during the special meeting of the Central Executive Members on Nov. 12, 2022.

It was during that meeting that I asked for a "privilege," of which I was granted, to read my letter in front of all the members present. When I finished, I also informed them that I plan on having a press conference that same day. The press conference idea wasn't well received by some members, and I was asked to delay it until after the election. As a compromise I agreed not to have it on that Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022.

My separation from the Democratic Party would allow me to pick up on my advocacy for the economic advancement of NMDs, a passion I have been advocating ever since. This pursuit was also made clear in my letter to the Party. I even mentioned how I am going to determine who to support in the runoff election.

To have a better perspective on what was the trepidation by some are all about, I am including the complete text of my letter to the chairman of the Democratic Party for illustrative context. Read below:

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Dear Chairman Cabrera:

This is to officially inform you that my membership in the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands, Inc., after more than 52 years of devotion to a trailblazing political organization, will end today. I began my membership in this Party since I was 16 years old and have been personally enriched by my association in this incredible and dignified political organization, and while election victory has not come our way often enough, nevertheless, I have no regrets.

My devotion to the Democratic Party, a partisan political organization, and my passion in advancing the economic interests of Northern Marianas Decent, has regrettably suffered. My loyalty to the Democratic Party put a constraint on my advocacy and in the end, I wasn't effective enough in achieving my desired outcome due in part to possible political infringement. Furthermore, I do not wish to impugn the integrity of our Party by concurrently advancing the economic interests.

To fully and actively pursue my passion in advancing the economic interests of NMDs, it is best that I retire from my membership in the Democratic Party now. I want to be free and fully engaged in negotiating with any leaders, including Gov. Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios, on who will put the economic interests of NMDs a top priority and can deliver tangible results for our people. This passion transcends political interest or association.

I have specific and implementable ideas, how as beneficiaries of MPLT our people can receive direct or indirect financial assistance before political leaders make it insolvent, and likely suffer the same fate as the Retirement Fund.

Additionally, Article 11, Section 1 of our Constitution specifically and unambiguously states that "all public lands in the CNMI collectively belong to Chamorro and Carolinians who are considered Northern Marianas descent." I want to exploit the legal and practical application of this provision because this could be a gamechanger in advancing the economic survival of generations of NMDs.

To you, the officers, members of the Central Executive Committee, elected officials, aspiring candidates and supporters of the Party, I personally wish you all nothing but the very best in moving the Democratic Party forward.

My many years of active engagement in our Party will be a treasured colossal excerpt of intellectual, political and social enrichment that will be forever personalized. It was an amazing personal experience.

So, in the words of Geoffrey Chaucer, who is credited with this idiom, "all good things must come to an end."

Finally, since I will no longer owe my allegiance to the Democratic Party, I am now free to explore possibilities in the world of politics, whichever way it takes me and to whom it could make it happen in achieving economic independence for MNDs. Thank you and God blessed you all.

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My letter was explicit, and nothing was deceitful about my endorsement of the Torres/Sablan gubernatorial ticket. It was based on their commitment to the "economic advancement of NMDs" and their specific plan in achieving it.

As to the claim of being a hypocrite for my previous op-eds that were highly critical of Gov. Torres in the local papers. let me just say this: When the citizenry of the Commonwealth, in exercising their constitutional right to vote in a fair and open election, made their choice deliberately and consciously known, no matter how displeasing or repugnant that choice was, it must be respected and accepted. I respected and accepted the outcome of the primary election; there is nothing hypocritical about my decision and personal choice.

Democracy at times seems incongruous with popular desire but always, especially in politics, majority rules and in the primary election, Gov. Torres secures the majority will of the voters. Despite and in spite of what I said about him, the FBI, House impeachment and attorney general criminal complaint, the citizens of the Commonwealth, knowing all these issues before the election, freely voted for him nevertheless. In the end, not even the courts can overturn the choice of the people and the outcome was inevitably certain. As far as I am concerned and unless proven otherwise, Torres/Sablan won the election fair and square.

I worked my butt off and put in extra hours of my time to get Tina and Leila elected in the primary election, but the people of the Commonwealth rejected the platform of change that they so eloquently articulated. Disappointingly we lost.

And so, with renewed dedication I am moving forward with a different passion to continue advocating for a belief so dear to me, much more so than my political association: the economic advancement of all Northern Marianas descent.

Daniel O. Quitugua
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

My opinion on AD

It will come as no surprise to anyone that Mayor David M. Apatang was first out of the gate as super typhoons Soudelor and Yutu retreated from our shores. It's a generational habit. His years in the military as head of executive departments and in the Legislature trained him to respond immediately and without hesitation. From that moment he was present on the scene, he was working with businesses, families, a small army of local and federal officials, and contractors to dig out of the debris and begin rebuilding many months down the road. That's leadership.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios noticed infrastructure projects were unattended, even with millions of dollars available. With the governor's support, he convened a task force to get these projects organized, scheduled, and underway. He, too, has had a career that required commitment and results. And his leadership isn't restricted to infrastructure; there have been many such interventions behind the scenes. That's leadership.

Much has been said in the heat of the campaign, some true, some false, some great exaggerations, but news archives will reveal who was on the job and who was distracted by other matters. Our team has no such distractions and will focus like a laser on making this community better for our citizens and visitors.

We have long believed that we live in a paradise, but we have squandered opportunities to make it better for our citizens. Access to government services should be the same for all, regardless of connections. These processes should make sense, be straightforward, and timely. Government employees should have the autonomy to make decisions with full support of the bosses, and the aim should be a willingness to serve the public in an effective and efficient manner.

Over the years public trust has been severely eroded; we know this. We pledge to restore faith in island leaders and government in general—by following the rules. There is little need for more regulations. They already exist, we simply have to follow them. This commitment is aided by open lines of communication with the public, government officials and employees, and businesses.

Approachability is important. We are available to talk with anyone about their concerns. There is no better way to bridge differences than dialogue, and anyone who knows us knows we are available to confer on any matter that affects our community members.

There will always be differences of opinion about priorities, the practicality of possible solutions, and the distribution of available resources, that is the nature of politics—competition to achieve desired goals, but those goals vary. First, however, involved parties must be committed to listening to each other with concern and respect. Lt. Gov. Palacios and Mayor Apatang have demonstrated their willingness to do so and work for all the people of our islands.

Our economy offers some hope, but remains small and fragile, yet our needs in education, health care, utilities, and social services are considerable. Only by listening to each other, by working together, to

maximize both our efforts and resources, can we meet the challenges coming in our immediate future.

The team of Palacios and Apatang is committed to doing so, but we need the help of all our residents—we need your involvement—in order to succeed.

Please vote wisely for Palacios and Apatang. They are our leaders that can rebuild back trust in our government.

Virginia C. Villagomez
Former Governor's Authorized Representative
(Soudelor, Mangkut and Yutu)
via email

BOOST

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actually went into this?

Other questions: What contracts have been awarded to run this program, not just for administration, but also for marketing, and for all the mixers, the parties, the concerts, the food and alcohol? Has anyone advised the governor's office that federal funds can't be used to buy alcohol?

And finally, some of the most basic questions of all: What is the process for reviewing applications? Who sits on that review panel? How were they were selected or appointed? What criteria are they using? Is there even a rubric for review? My understanding is no. And who has the final say?

Gov. Torres has been quoted in the media saying that he has no involvement in deciding who gets BOOST grants. Yet, we have records that show otherwise: correspondence—"internal guidance" one might say—that clearly indicate that the person who makes the final decisions on BOOST awards is, in fact, the governor himself.

If there is nothing to hide, then every single person we summon to the Legislature should be prepared to answer 100% of our questions with 100% truthfulness, and submit 100% of the records we ask for. And the people of the Commonwealth have every right to expect 100% fairness and transparency in the administration of this program, and the distribution of public funds.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
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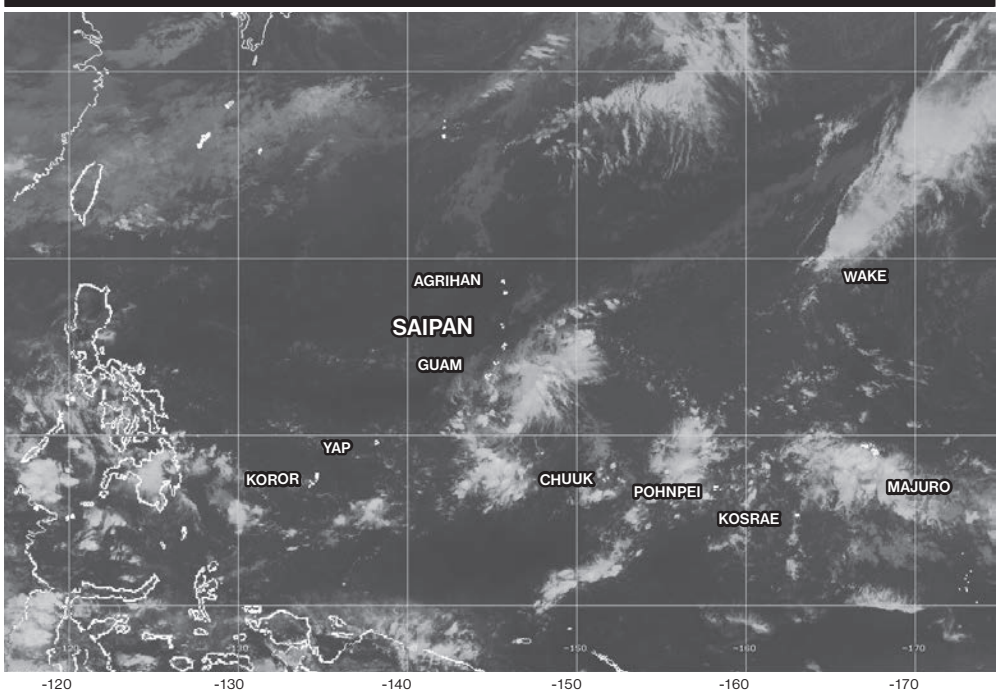

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows only a few showers within the coastal waters of the Marianas, with scattered showers to the east. The buoys reveal combined seas of 6 to 8 feet, composed mainly of large north swell arriving from a storm system that moved off Japan a couple of days ago.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 76°
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 77°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	84° / 75°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	83° / 79°

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Today	6:23 AM	5:43 PM
Saturday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM

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Today	7:27 AM	6:53 PM	-
Saturday	8:34 AM	7:57 PM	-
Sunday	9:39 AM	9:04 PM	-
Monday	10:39 AM	10:09 PM	-
Tuesday	11:32 AM	11:12 PM	-

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Hong Kong	Cloudy	78° / 73°
Honolulu	Showers/Wind	79° / 70°
London	Sunny	54° / 42°
Los Angeles	Sunny	77° / 50°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 76°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°
Miami	Cloudy	82° / 76°
New York	Mostly Sunny	54° / 43°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	64° / 52°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	54° / 38°
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2:12 AM	Low Tide	-0.70
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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

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Being thankful. It opens the doors to a full life. It makes what we have more than enough. It moves people from denying to accepting, from chaos to order, and from confusion to clarity. It makes a meal feel like a feast, a house feel like a home, and a stranger feel like a friend.

Gratitude helps us understand our past, gives us peace in the present, and offers right direction for the future.

Whatever the people of the CNMI choose today, gratititude should lead us all forward, for what's best for our commonwealth.

We want to take this important opportunity to recognize the hard work of everyone who has believed in this team. Who believed in our hard work, and our trusted our vision for a better life for our people.

We've seen the best of the CNMI in every village and on every island over the last four years.

You've touched all us, in some way with your kindness, your bravery, and your selflessness towards others, when it was needed most.

You are the ones who stepped up. You kept the NMI going, through typhoons disaster recovery, and a global pandemic that no one could have ever imagined.

Your resilience was inspiring to all of us. Your strength encouraged us and defines the spirit of who we truly are as a people, and what is possible when we stand united.

To all of you, who worked on the frontlines, working together for the best of our commonwealth, we will always owe you a heartfel debt of gratitude.

We'll always be thankful to you for offereing more than words, and moved to action helping your neighbors in the time of great need, without rhetoric and complaints.

We were humbled, and honored to have had the opportunity to stand with you; to work side by side with you, shoulder to shoulder, in the fight to protect, lift up, and inspire our people.

Yes, it is our sincere hope and desire to work with you, to have the chance to continue our fight for a better future for the CNMI.

But, whatever the outcome of today's important election, we could not let this important opportunity pass without expressing our deepest and warmest gratitude to all of you, the community, our supporters, and our families for your trust and belief in us.

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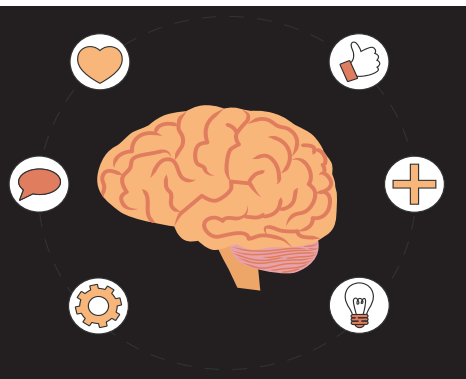
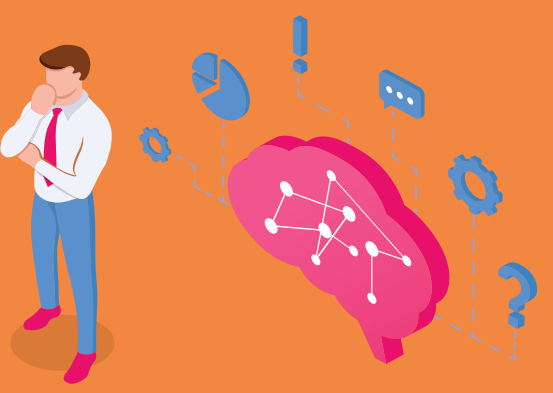
BREATHING IS FREE HERE IS HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



When you are thinking of ways to improve your mental health, there is always one or two methods that come to mind. The simplest one is breathing. Whether you are a professional athlete, a parent, a teenage, or a child, this could be useful to you.



Basic Yoga Breathing

Find a comfortable position to sit in, take a deep breath and then exhale slowly. Repeat the process as many times as you need. Have in mind to take small pauses between inhaling and exhaling.

Breathing For Stress Relief

Sit still and calm, start breathing in through your nose and count to 4, and then breathe out and count to 4. Repeat the cycle as many times as you want.

Abdomen Breathing

Place your tongue at the top back of your teeth, release the extra air, and breathe in through your nose while you count to four. Hold your breath for 7 seconds, and release the air slowly for 8 seconds – making a whooshing sound. Repeat the process as many times as you like

The benefits of breathing are plenty, so all you need to do is start with some of these basic exercises and get the most out of them. If you liked this content, you can follow us on social media or visit our website fittoleadmarianas.com for more info.

Before starting any diet or fitness journey, please consult with your doctor or a health professional.

Office of the Governor
FIT TO LEAD

CORRUPTION HAS A NAME.

Arnold I. Palacios
Acting Governor

Lease Agreement executed on March 23, 2022 expressly states that "DPL will not consider any assignment, sublease, or transfer during the initial five (5) years of the lease term."

On November 20, 2021, eight (8) months after the lease was signed, Lessee entered into a sublease agreement in the amount of $4,500.00 with South Pacific Lumber in violation of the March 23, 2022 Lease Agreement. Further, DPL staff reported that South Pacific Lumber has allowed Big Brother Auto Shop through a lease agreement (another violation) to enter and occupy DPL's premises for the operation of a commercial auto repair shop.

These violations remain unresolved.

"The NOV issued is standard and not political, the sensitivity of this matter is understandable, but rest assured there is not subjectivity on the matter," stated Secretary Sixto Kaipat Igisomar.

The statement made by Lt. Governor Palacios that DPL's conduct is unethical and politically charged is baseless and improper. The amount due is nominal in the amount of $207.00 but was included in the notice as a standard practice, along with the insurance policy requirements. It is the duty of every lessee to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract with DPL, and must furnish every required documentation to DPL, not to wait for DPL to review or inspect lessee first. However, the main violation of concern relates to the no sublease provision to wit:

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DPL remains committed to the enforcement of the Lease Agreement. The DPL has worked in good faith with Lt. Governor Palacios in all the transactions by allowing a Promissory Note in the amount of $65,000.00 (significant reduction) to resolve previous debt. We will continue to work in good faith to resolve the most recent violations.

Notice of Violation
Arnold Palacios
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#1. 30 Years in Default.
#2. $180,365.00 reduced to $65,000.00
#3. Sublease of $4,500.00 monthly to James Wang (Violation of DPL Agreement)
#4. Profit of $3,300.00 monthly (Violation of DPL Agreement)
****PROMISSORY NOTE STILL NOT FULL PAID.**

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A Collection of Articles Written by the 2022 DCRM Summer Interns

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OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

SUBIN CHO MARIANA ISLANDS NATURE ALLIANCE

Marine debris is a global topic and one of the fastest growing worldwide issues. It is not only unpleasant to see but also causes severe harm to our ocean ecosystems, such as entangling and possibly drowning wildlife as well as injuring our coral reefs. Scientists suggest that marine debris will remain in the depths of our ocean for hundreds to thousands of years due to its slow decomposition and types of materials used to make them. (Chiba et al., 2018)

This summer, my partner Deanna and I worked for the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA) under the guidance of David Benavente, Program Manager. Our main goal for this project was to track and study the different types of marine debris that persisted in the CNMI, focusing on the Chalan Piao beach area near Hopwood Junior High School.

The materials used for this project methodology consisted of a GPS and transect lines. Deanna and I, as well as our mentor, would follow a grid-like map with a point on each corner. At every point, we input the coordinates onto the GPS while we laid out our 50m transect lines. After setting up our transect lines, we would snorkel within our grid to look for any marine debris such as historic metal, cans, plastic, etc. Using an underwater data sheet, we would log down any marine debris we found and note the time, date, size, surrounding area, and the type of debris. My partner and I were able to survey 22,500 square meters of the Chalan Piao beach site during our internship.

The importance of this project is not only to raise awareness about marine debris but to emphasize the significance of the concept of "ridge to reef." Our carbon footprints are being left to remain in the ocean for thousands of years, and we will never know how long until it's gone. The way we treat our ridges matters as it is interconnected with the overall health of our reefs and, most importantly, our ocean.

This year was the second and final year that I interned with the Division of Coastal Resources Management. I can confidently say that this opportunity and experience will definitely help me mold my skills and support me throughout my college and career goals.

Chiba, et al, *Human footprint in the abyss: 30 Year records of deep-sea plastic debris. Marine Policy.* (2018, April 6) Retrieved August 11, 2022, from https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X17305195?via%3Dihub

MAPPING THE FUTURE

MAGDALEN SANTOS OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

This year, I was given the opportunity to intern at the Office of Planning and Development (OPD), under the guidance of Manuel Camacho, as part of the 2022 DCRM Summer Internship Program. OPD served as a platform for me to learn about projects and practices here in the CNMI.

During my internship, one project I found intriguing was OPD's work with Geographical Information Systems (GIS). GIS is a system that manages, analyzes, and maps all types of data. It is best described by GIS researchers R. MacFarlane and H. Dunsford: "With increasing emphasis on efficiency ... equity ... and sustainable development ... GIS has emerged strongly as a tool to try and juggle the differing [requirements]" (2009). These "requirements" span social and built environments, and showcase what functions GIS could provide to the CNMI. For OPD, it aspires to develop GIS capacity in residents for leveraging partnerships, making planning more efficient, and building resiliency.

OPD is working on a plan to help build capacity for government employees who use GIS through the CNMI-wide GIS training plan. This summer, I assisted in gathering research to further gauge the CNMI's readiness for GIS, and what is still needed in order to understand the necessary next steps. Additionally, I was able to gain an understanding of current GIS maps in use in the CNMI and the ways they are already helping improve the CNMI's efficiency. Work to foster the necessary conditions to enhance GIS use is ongoing, and training for stakeholders on how to access and use these maps is in progress.

Increasing GIS capacity in the CNMI will cut down on unnecessarily lengthy field work, boost communications among planners, and make work more efficient for all GIS users. For instance, having local GIS experts would allow for processes and projects involving geospatial information to be more easily facilitated.

My part in this GIS project was small but exciting and educational. I gathered research and compiled information to

assist my mentor in the progression toward elevating CNMI-wide GIS capacity. Through my internship with OPD, I discovered that GIS is a powerful and valuable tool for the CNMI. I acquired new skills through my internship and gained insights into the career opportunities here in the CNMI.

Lovett, et al, (2020). *GIS and Environmental Decision-Making: From Sites to Strategies and Back Again. In GIS for Environmental Decision-Making (pp. 79–99). essay, CRC Press, an imprint of the Taylor & Francis Group.*

Thanksgiving Fiesta at MCS

Before the Thanksgiving break, the Mount Carmel School community gathered to celebrate its annual Thanksgiving Fiesta. After a two-year hiatus, the MCS school community was able to celebrate with a complete Thanksgiving Mass and a Thanksgiving feast.

PHOTOS BY MCS

Fr. Kenneth Masong leads Mount Carmel School's annual Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022. In his homily, Masong shares with Mount Carmel School students the importance of valuing one's family, friends, and God, especially during the season of Thanksgiving.

As part of the school's tradition, Mount Carmel School's seniors distribute food for its student body during the annual Thanksgiving Fiesta.

As part of Mount Carmel School's tradition, the school community donates boxes of canned goods to Karidat for those who need food for the holiday season.

Gifts from the Mount Carmel School community were given during offertory during the annual Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022.

The Mount Carmel School community listens to Fr. Ken Masong's homily during the recent Thanksgiving Mass.

Mount Carmel School students start their Thanksgiving celebration with a Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022.

Mount Carmel School students gather for a Thanksgiving meal during the annual Thanksgiving Fiesta at the school's cafeteria.

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Mount Carmel School students are all smiles with the delicious food provided by the school and catered by Herman's Modern Bakery, LSG, and Kalayaan Inc. during the annual Thanksgiving Fiesta.

Mount Carmel School students gather for a Thanksgiving meal during the annual Thanksgiving Fiesta at the school's cafeteria.

Mount Carmel School's leadership team and employees gather for a group photo during the annual Thanksgiving Fiesta.

Mount Carmel School students are happy to celebrate together during the annual Thanksgiving Fiesta.

International Thanksgiving at SIS draws over 500 participants

As the morning of Nov. 23 came to a close at Saipan International School, over 500 people gathered under the flags of 25-plus nations to celebrate Thanksgiving the SIS way—with an international feast.

"It was amazing to see all the ethnic groups come together and hear all the languages at the feast. It was like the United Nations—so beautiful and filled with harmony and acceptance of each other," said Mili Saiki, the SIS business manager and heart of SIS.

The school provided the traditional Thanksgiving fare of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberries and more desserts than could fit on the table. But it didn't stop there. Each ethnic group in the school proudly served the students and their guests their favorite foods.

"International Thanksgiving has been a tradition at SIS for more than 20 years," said SIS Headmaster Dr. Ron Snyder. "We celebrate Education Week and Thanksgiving by putting the students at the center of the day. Parents host the booths for the entire community but we open the tables starting with our youngest students and finishing with the adults. I would like to

give a very special thanks to all of our parent volunteers who showcased their home countries and made the day so amazing."

"Today was a beautiful gathering of all cultures and nationalities represented at this truly international school," said Guy Pudney, chairman of the SIS board of directors.

Students, teachers, families, guests and the As Lito community surrounding the school all had the chance to sample pastel de papa and pollo ala brasa from Peru, arroz hunto from Puerto Rico, hojaldras pastry from Columbia, zhao zi (dumplings) and king crab from China and Taiwan, samosa from India, fish curry from Sri Lanka, chilled coconut juice and shrimp kelaguen from the Pacific Islands, Korean BBQ pork wrapped with lettuce (Korea) accompanied with boonsik, lechon belly and *turon* from the Philippines, papaya salad and pad Thai from Thailand, takoyaki and potato roke from Japan, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, French crepes, Polish gulabki, Russian bliki, and much, much more. This was truly a feast fit for a Gecko! ***(PR)***

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-23-005

Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Tanapag, Capitol Hill and Oleai)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement (Tanapag, Capitol Hill and Oleai) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the installation of sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act (ASADRA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ASADRA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **365 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **December 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-23-002, Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Tanapag, Capitol Hill and Oleai)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 20, 2022,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 8, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer for Water/Wastewater via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Joel Puyat, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at joel.puyat@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie L. Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Senior Administrative Technician via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
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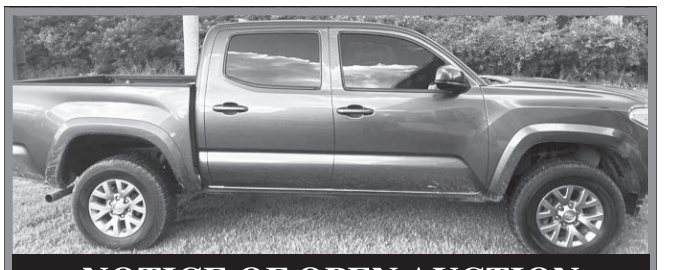

NOTICE OF OPEN AUCTION

2018 TOYOTA TACOMA 4X2 TRUCK (Color: Gray)
52,870 Miles
Condition: Excellent

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned counsel, Attorney Robert T. Torres or his designee, for and on behalf of the Bank of Guam, will sell at auction the abovementioned vehicle to the highest bidder on **December 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya.**

Terms and Conditions of Sale.
1. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the chattel mortgage (vehicle) listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such chattel mortgage (vehicle) is accepted;
   b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before the chattel mortgage (vehicle) is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever there; and
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2. Minimum Bid. The minimum bid for the sale of the abovementioned vehicle is **$24,000.00.** No advanced bids will be accepted. The vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder "as is, where is" without any warranties. **Bidders must be present, in person, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, 5962 Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya at 10:00 a.m. to bid.** All bids less than $24,000.00 will be rejected. Any person who registers his/her bid shall provide a valid identification card (valid CNMI Driver's License or Passport). The winning bidder shall be the person whom the vehicle is confirmed to, if the bid is accepted.

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DATED this 3rd day of November, 2022.

/s/_____
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,	]	Civil Action
	]	No. 12-0111
Plaintiff,	]	
vs.	]	NOTICE OF
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RONALD LEE SN. MARATITA	]	PUBLICATION ON:
	]	PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED
Defendant.	]	MOTION FOR AN ORDER
	]	IN AID OF JUDGMENT
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TO: DEFENDANT RONALD LEE SN. MARATITA

This Notice of Hearing is hereby served upon you by publication to notify you that the Court has set a hearing on Plaintiff Bank of Guam's Amended Motion for an Order in Aid of Judgment on January 23, 2023 at 1:30p.m. The hearing will be held before Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the Amended Motion for an Order in Aid of Judgment in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Robert T. Torres, whose address is 5962 Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 500730, Saipan, MP 96950.

DATED this 21st day of October 2022.

/S/_____
CLERK OF COURT

CNMI celebrates CNMI Recycles Week; America Recycles Day

Sustainability advocates across the CNMI celebrated America Recycles Day and CNMI Recycles Week last week. The week's activities emphasized the CNMI's continued commitment to achieving more sustainable consumption and production, and included a proclamation signing on Saipan, the kickoff of the Tinian Municipality's Recycling Program, and an outreach on Rota centered on the "3 Rs": reduce, reuse, and recycle.

On Nov. 15, 2022, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was joined by representatives from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, and the Office of Planning and Development as Nov. 13 to 19 was proclaimed as "CNMI Recycles Week."

Giving brief remarks before signing the proclamation, Torres encouraged everyone in the community to "acknowledge and take part in the efforts to combat climate change, promote sustainable living, and protect our environment for our children and the future generations of our great Commonwealth."

Also on Nov. 15, 2022, on Tinian, the Mayor's Office of Tinian and Aguiguan celebrated America Recycles Day and CNMI Recycles Week with a ceremony that featured the kickoff of the Tinian Municipality's Recycling Program and a handoff of eight recycling bins to Tinian Junior Senior High School's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, also known as the Stallion Battalion.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated center, joins representatives from the Bureau of Environmental Quality, Northern Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, and the Office of Planning and Development after proclaiming Nov. 13-19, 2022, as "CNMI Recycles Week" during a proclamation signing on Nov. 15 at the Office of the Governor conference room.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Stallion Battalion has been leading collection and recycling efforts on Tinian since 2021, through a special "Project-Based Learning" class period at TJSHS.

In his opening remarks, Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Edwin P. Aldan highlighted ongoing efforts to operate the Tinian Transfer Station at full capacity and to obtain a small communities exemption landfill permit for Tinian's landfill from BECQ. Aldan also noted Tinian's collaboration with the Department of Public Works and OPD on the Tinian Zero Waste Study and Pilot Project, and noted that Tinian is looking forward to collaborating further with the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors' CNMI Universal Garbage Collection Task Force.

"What better time to start, than now, to educate and inspire one another to practice responsible consumption, decrease waste, and properly recycle to protect our environment and marine ecosystem. …I encourage you all to do your part and continue spreading knowledge and raising awareness. …Do it for yourself, the future generations, and our planet. We are the only ones that can make that change," said Aldan.

To cap the ceremony, the Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor's Office, along with the Tinian leadership, other dignitaries, and community members held a roadside waving where they also distributed reusable bags to all who attended the ceremony and to any passersby during the waving. It was shared during the ceremony that the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation will soon introduce legislation that proposes to ban single-use plastics on Tinian.

On Nov. 16, 2022, on Rota, OPD Solid Waste Project coordinator for Rota Noreen Sablan led a presentation on the "3 Rs," the benefits of recycling, and what items can be recycled for the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders of Sinapalo Elementary School.

Sablan said the students fully participated in her presentation, and were excited to share their own ideas on how to start incorporating the "3 Rs" into their everyday lives as students.

Some ideas from the students included using school supplies until they were no longer usable and purchasing new supplies only when needed, donating used clothing to family members, and using reusable water bottles and food containers instead of disposables.

"I was truly inspired by the students of Sinapalo Elementary School as they were very engaged in the discussion and gave feedback on ways that each one of them could contribute to waste reduction and recycling efforts. I look forward to more activities and future engagements with the schools and the community," said Sablan.

The islandswide celebration of CNMI Recycles Week sets a significant precedent for the years to come as the CNMI progresses toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal No. 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

One objective under SDG #12 is to divert at least 50% of the CNMI's recyclable waste away from landfills by 2030. The diverted recyclables will be composted, reused, or sold to support sustainable waste management systems. This work is supported by the ongoing partnership with the "Interisland Solid Waste Management Task Force," composed of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as well as DPW, OPD, BECQ, MOTA, and the Office of the Mayor of Rota, and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors UGCT, focusing on comprehensive solid waste management planning.

Read more about the SDGs and other long-term goals for the CNMI are discussed in the CNMI Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan linked here: https://opd.gov.mp/assets/2021- 2030_cnmi_csdp.pdf ***(PR)***

Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, left, hands over a reusable bag to a Tinian community member during a roadside waving that was held after a CNMI Recycles Week ceremony held on Nov. 15 in Tinian.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN

Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, fourth from right, shakes hands with Tinian Junior Senior High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor Capt. Joseph Santos as the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan turned over eight recycling bins and presents a certificate of recognition to the TJSHS JROTC Stallion Battalion.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN

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OPD Solid Waste Project coordinator for Rota Noreen Sablan leads a presentation on the benefits of recycling and what items can be recycled for the students of Sinapalo Elementary School.

Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan staff, Tinian leadership, other dignitaries, and Tinian community members come together for a group photo after a CNMI Recycles Week ceremony held on Nov. 15 on Tinian.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN

Off The Wall

Cat's out of the bag when TSA finds a stowaway feline at JFK

NEW YORK (AP)—Don't accuse the TSA of catnapping on the job. When an alert agent at New York's John F. Kennedy airport noticed tufts of orange fur poking out of a slightly unzipped suitcase, it gave him pause.

As the bag went through the X-ray unit Nov. 16, the Transportation Security Administration agent was in for a surprise: Inside were four paws and a tail belonging to a feline stowaway.

"On the bright side, the cat's out of the bag," a TSA spokesperson tweeted Tuesday.

The passenger was paged to return to the ticket counter after the cat was found, the spokesperson, Lisa Farbstein, said in an email.

"The traveler said that the cat belonged to someone else in the household, implying that he was not aware that the cat was in the suitcase," Farbstein said.

"We call that a good CATch!" she said.

The stowaway cat, identified by the New York Post as "Smells," was returned to its owner.

The cat's owner told the Post that Smells must have crawled into the suitcase of a visiting friend. She didn't know her tabby was missing until airport officials reached her.

AP

This photo provided by Transportation Security Administration shows a cat stuck in a checked bag going through security at John F. Kennedy airport on Nov. 16, 2022 in New York.

Alaska firefighters help rescue a moose trapped in a home

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Firefighters in Alaska got an unusual request for assistance last weekend from the Alaska Wildlife Troopers, but it wasn't your mundane cat-stuck-in-a-tree situation.

"They were looking for some help getting a moose out of a basement," said Capt. Josh Thompson with Central Emergency Services on the Kenai Peninsula.

The moose, estimated to be a 1-year-old bull, had a misstep while eating breakfast Sunday morning by a home in Soldotna, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) southwest of Anchorage.

"It looks like the moose had been trying to eat some vegetation by the window well of a basement window and fell into it, and then fell into the basement through the glass," Thompson said.

That's where it was stuck, one floor below ground.

A biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game was able to tranquilize the moose, but the animal wasn't completely unconscious.

"He was still looking around and sitting there, he just wasn't running around," Thompson said.

Once sedated, the next problem was getting the moose—which weighed at least 500 pounds (225 kilograms)—out of the house.

In this image provided by Central Emergency Services for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, firefighters from Central Emergency Services with personnel from the Alaska Wildlife Troopers and Alaska Department of Fish and Game pose with a moose they helped rescue after it had had fallen through a window well at a home in Soldotna, Alaska, on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022. AP

Improvising a bit, responders grabbed a big transport tarp that's typically used as a stretcher for larger human patients. Once the moose was in position, it took six men to carry him through the house and back outside.

Photos of the morning rescue show the moose unfazed, simply looking ahead between the two men maneuvering the front of the tarp down a hallway, watching where they are going.

Thompson said the moose just hung out for a while after they got outside until a reversal agent for the tranquilizer kicked in. The biologist also treated minor lacerations on the back of the moose's legs from falling through the window, the Anchorage Daily News reported.

Once the sedative wore off, the moose apparently had his fill of human companionship and wanted to get back to the wild.

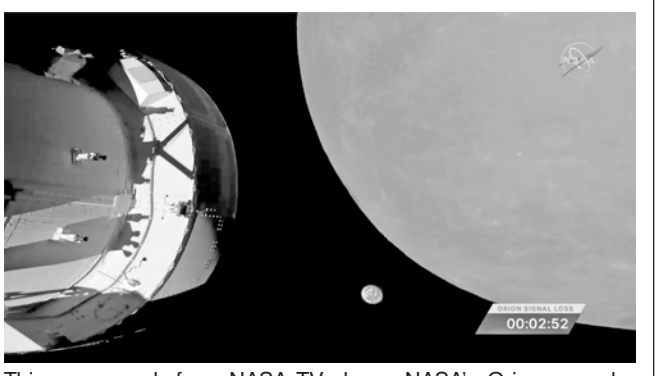
"He got up and took off," Thompson said.

Science & Technology

NASA capsule buzzes moon in last big step before lunar orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—NASA's Orion capsule reached the moon last Monday, whipping around the far side and buzzing the lunar surface on its way to a record-breaking orbit with test dummies sitting in for astronauts.

It's the first time a capsule has visited the moon since NASA's Apollo program 50 years ago, and represents a huge milestone in the $4.1 billion test flight that began last Wednesday.



This screengrab from NASA TV shows NASA's Orion capsule, left, nearing the moon, right, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022. At center is earth. NASA VIA AP

Video of the looming moon and our pale blue planet more than 230,000 miles (370,000 kilometers) in the distance left workers "giddy" at Houston's Johnson Space Center, home to Mission Control, according to flight director Judd Frieling. Even the flight controllers themselves were "absolutely astounded."

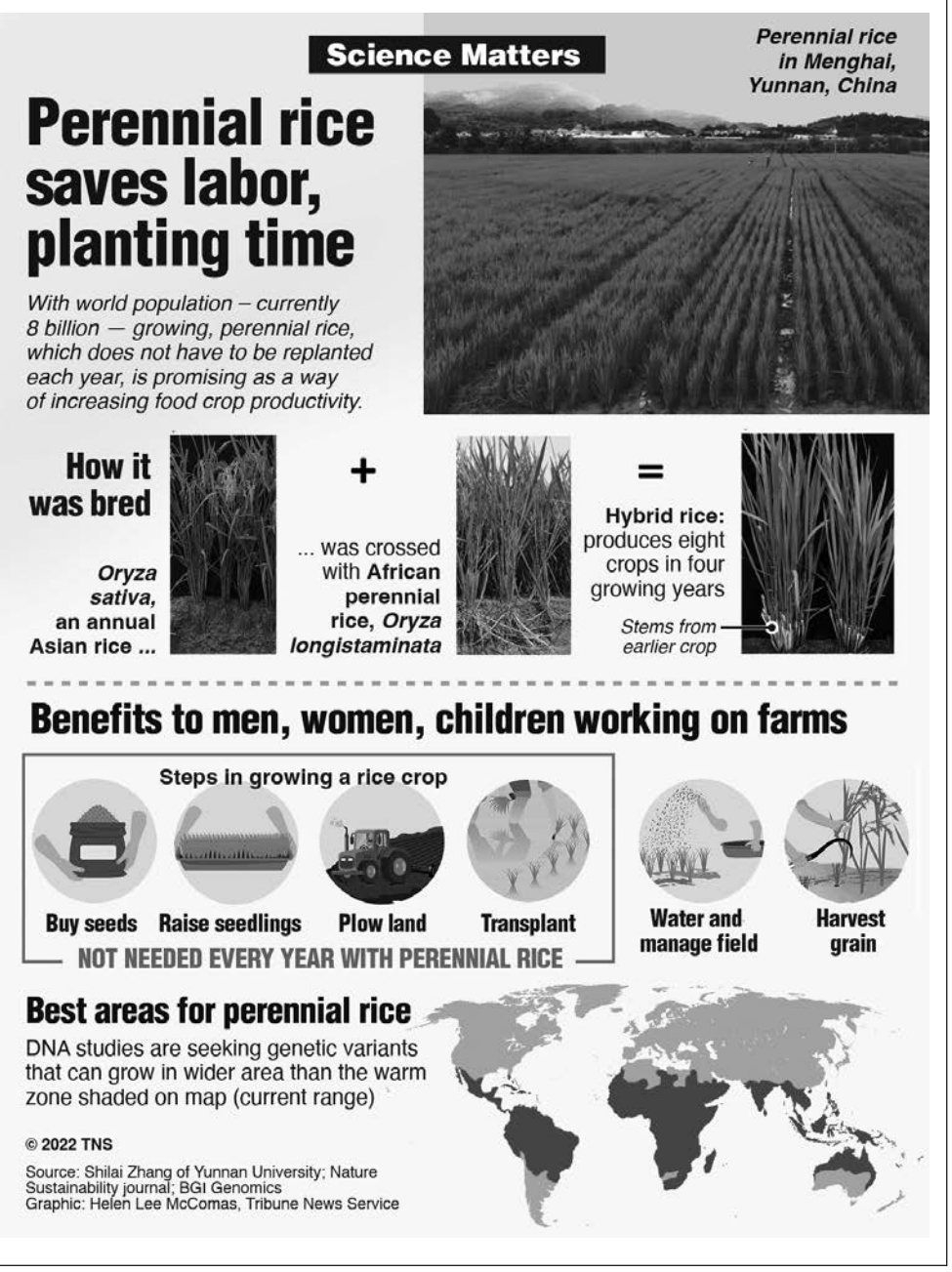
"Just smiles across the board," said Orion program manager Howard Hu.

The close approach of 81 miles (130 kilometers) occurred as the crew capsule and its three wired-up dummies were on the far side of the moon. Because of a half-hour communication blackout, flight controllers in Houston did not know if the critical engine firing went well until the capsule emerged from behind the moon. The capsule's cameras sent back a picture of the Earth—a tiny blue dot surrounded by blackness.

The capsule accelerated well beyond 5,000 mph (8,000 kph) as it regained radio contact, NASA said. Less than an hour later, Orion soared above Tranquility Base, where Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on July 20, 1969. There were no photos of the site because the pass was in darkness, but managers promised to try for pictures on the return flyby in two weeks.

Orion needed to slingshot around the moon to pick up enough speed to enter the sweeping, lopsided lunar orbit. Another engine firing will place the capsule in that orbit Friday.

This coming weekend, Orion will shatter NASA's distance record for a spacecraft designed for astronauts—nearly 250,000 miles (400,000 kilometers) from Earth, set by Apollo 13 in 1970. And it will keep going, reaching a maximum distance from Earth next Monday at nearly 270,000 miles (433,000 kilometers).


Science Matters
Perennial rice saves labor, planting time
With world population – currently 8 billion — growing, perennial rice, which does not have to be replanted each year, is promising as a way of increasing food crop productivity.
Perennial rice in Menghai, Yunnan, China
How it was bred
Oryza sativa, an annual Asian rice ...
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... was crossed with African perennial rice, Oryza longistaminata
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Hybrid rice: produces eight crops in four growing years
Stems from earlier crop
Benefits to men, women, children working on farms
Steps in growing a rice crop
Buy seeds
Raise seedlings
Plow land
Transplant
NOT NEEDED EVERY YEAR WITH PERENNIAL RICE
Water and manage field
Harvest grain
Best areas for perennial rice
DNA studies are seeking genetic variants that can grow in wider area than the warm zone shaded on map (current range)
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Source: Shilai Zhang of Yunnan University; Nature Sustainability journal; BGI Genomics
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Life & Style

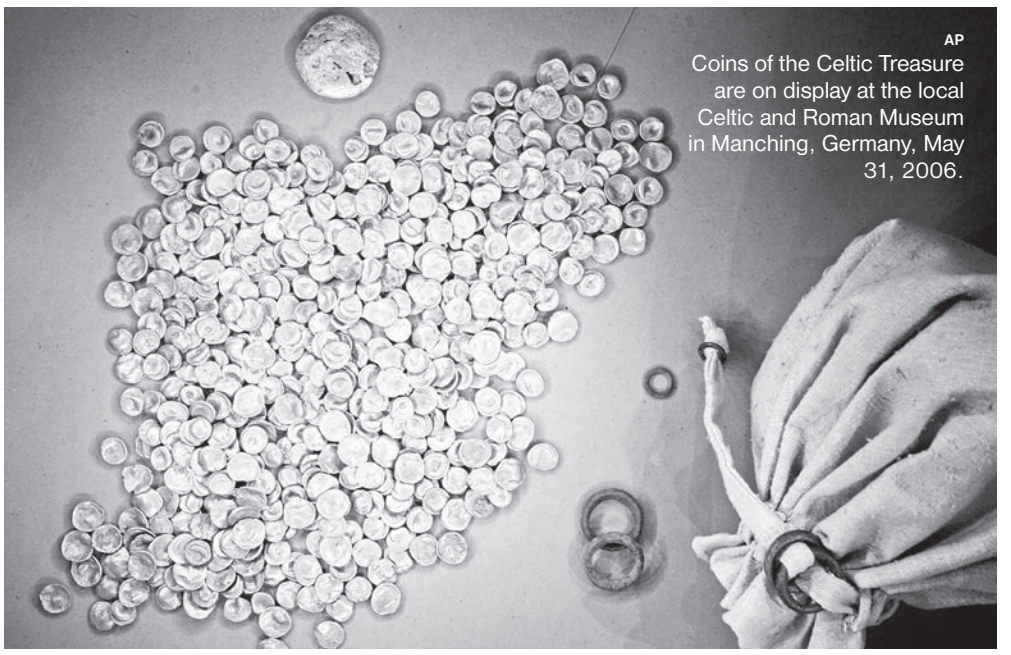
Huge horde of Celtic gold coins stolen from German museum

BERLIN (AP)—A huge horde of ancient gold coins dating back to around 100 B.C. has been stolen from a museum in southern Germany, police said Tuesday.

Bavarian state police said it was stolen early Tuesday from the Celtic and Roman Museum in Manching, 60 kilometers (37 miles) north of Munich.

The 483 coins were discovered in 1999 during excavations of an ancient settlement in Manchning and are considered the biggest trove of Celtic gold found in the 20th century.

The German news agency dpa reported that authorities estimate the value of the coins, which together weighed about 4 kilograms (8.8 pounds), at several million euros (dollars).



AP
Coins of the Celtic Treasure are on display at the local Celtic and Roman Museum in Manching, Germany, May 31, 2006.

"The loss of the Celtic treasure is a disaster," it quoted Bavaria's Minister of Science and Arts, Markus Blume, saying. "As a testament to our history, the gold coins are irreplaceable."

He said the thieves had shown "incredible criminal energy."

Police are appealing for witnesses who might have seen suspicious individuals near the museum or have other information that could lead to the recovery of the treasure.

Gone in 9 minutes: How Celtic gold heist unfolded in Germany

BERLIN (AP)—Thieves who broke into a southern German museum and stole hundreds of ancient gold coins got in and out in nine minutes without raising the alarm, officials said Wednesday, in a further sign that the heist was the work of organized criminals.

Police have launched an international hunt for the thieves and their loot, consisting of 483 Celtic coins and a lump of unworked gold that were discovered during an archeological dig near the present-day town of Manching in 1999.

Guido Limmer, the deputy head of Bavaria's State Criminal Police Office, described how at 1:17 a.m. (0017 GMT) on Tuesday cables were cut at a telecoms hub about one kilometer (less than a mile) from the Celtic and Roman Museum in Manching, knocking out communications networks in the region.

Security systems at the museum recorded that a door was pried open at 1:26 a.m. and then how the thieves left again at 1:35 a.m., Limmer said. It was in those nine minutes that the culprits must have smashed open a display cabinet and scooped out the treasure.

Limmer said there were "parallels" between the heist in Manching and the theft of priceless jewels in Dresden and a large gold coin in Berlin in recent years. Both have been blamed on a Berlin-based crime family.

"Whether there's a link we can't say," he added. "Only this much: we are in touch with colleagues to investigate all possible angles."

Bavaria's minister of science and arts, Markus Blume, said evidence pointed to the work of professionals.

"It's clear that you don't simply march into a museum and take this treasure with you," he told public broadcaster BR. "It's highly secured and as such there's a suspicion that we're rather dealing with a case of organized crime."

Officials acknowledged, however, that there was no guard at the museum overnight.

An alarm system was deemed to provide sufficient security, said Rupert Gebhard, who heads the Bavarian State Archaeological Collection in Munich.

Gebhard said the hoard was of great value both for the local community in Manching and for archaeologists across Europe.

The bowl-shaped coins, dating back to about 100 B.C., were made from Bohemian river gold and show how the Celtic settlement at Manching had links across Europe, he said.

Gebhard estimated the value of the treasure at about 1.6 million euros ($1.65 million).

"The archaeologists hope that the coins remain in their original state and reappear again at some point," he said, adding that they are well documented and would be hard to sell.

"The worst option, the melting down, would mean a total loss for us," he said, noting that the material value of the gold itself would only run to about 250,000 euros at current market prices.

NYPD: No known threats to the Macy's parade, but tight security

NEW YORK (AP)—New York is planning tight security around the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in the wake of mass shootings elsewhere in the U.S., police said Wednesday, while stressing that there's no known, credible threat to the famed event itself.

The holiday tradition, which draws throngs of participants and spectators, this year comes two days after six people were killed in a shooting at a Walmart in Virginia, and four days after another shooting killed five people at a gay nightclub in Colorado Springs. Also over the weekend, a man who allegedly threatened to attack a synagogue was arrested at New York's Penn Station with a knife, a ski mask, a swastika arm patch and an associate, authorities said.

In light of those events, police "will deploy additional resources to ensure the festivities across the city are safe for all," New York Police Department counterterrorism Chief Martine Materasso said at a news conference amid the inflation of the parade's signature giant balloons. She said authorities had no indication of "any active, credible or specific threat" to the event.

By now, the security measures are almost as familiar as the parade itself. They include heavy weapons teams, explosives detection dogs, a bomb squad, radiological and chemical sensors, drone detection, sand trucks and blocker vehicles and additional cameras on the route.

Macy's CEO Jeff Gennette promised the parade will be "bigger and better this year than ever before"—so much so that it's starting at 8:45 a.m. instead of 9 to accommodate all the balloons, floats, marching bands, singers, cheerleaders, clowns, Broadway casts, and Radio City Rockettes. And, of course, Santa Claus.

New balloons this year include the animated sensation "Bluey," Stuart the one-eyed Minion from "Despicable Me 2," and new green dinosaur and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" balloons.

Husband merely a bystander as wife goes off the rails

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for close to a year, and in this short time I've seen a side of my wife I've never seen before. Although I met her during a period of sobriety, she drinks now. The problem is what she does when she drinks. On one occasion, she was supposed to go to the market and return on foot. Instead I found her in a car with a stranger, drinking and high. She claimed it was too cold to walk and she was just trying to keep warm.

On another occasion, she got drunk and had a male friend with whom she'd been intimate in the past pick her and all her belongings up and left me watching her drive away with him. She later called apologizing profusely from a different man's apartment begging me to pick her up. I could go on and on with similar scenarios, but my letter would be too long.

Her latest is when she told me she put a "code" on her phone so I couldn't find out where she had been. (She had really just turned off location sharing on her phone.) She says she loves me with all her heart and there's no one else, but I find it very hard to believe. Am I the world's biggest, dumbest doormat for not divorcing her? (I can't just turn off my love for her.)

SUCKER OUT WEST

DEAR "SUCKER": If you haven't already contacted your physician, schedule an appointment and be tested for any STDs your wife may have passed along to you after one of her escapades.

This scenario will continue until she comes to the realization that if she doesn't immediately get help for her drinking, her marriage is over. The question is whether she's willing (or able) to give up her addictions to alcohol, whatever other substances she may be sampling, and sex with other men.

Loving her doesn't make you dumb or a doormat. However, sooner or later you must accept that you can't fix what's wrong with her, and you'll have to decide how much more pain you can tolerate. Please accept my sympathy.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a single friend in her 40s. She has very noticeable vertical lines between her eyes when in animated conversation that detract greatly from her sweet face. She's on a limited income. I'd like to suggest Botox for her, and I'm willing to pay for it with a gift card or cash. Would it be OK to suggest it to her and how would you approach it?

BEAUTY HELPER IN TENNESSEE

DEAR HELPER: While I'm sure you mean well, if you bring this to your friend's attention, you may make her self-conscious. Although Botox treatments can make a positive difference in someone's appearance, they are only temporary. To maintain that "fresh" look, they must be repeated, and unless you plan to pay for her Botox in perpetuity, you shouldn't give her something she can't afford.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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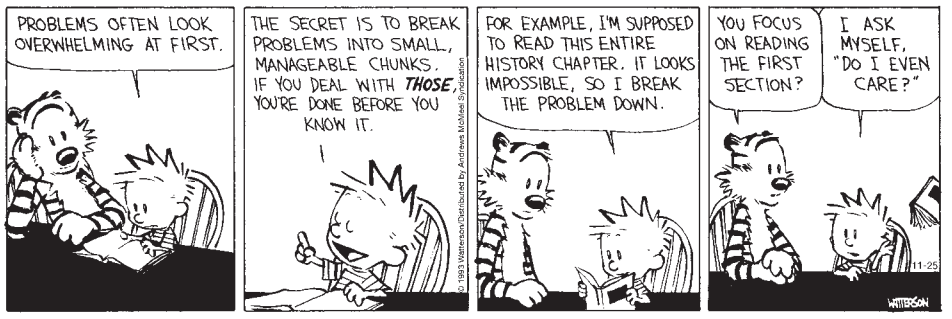
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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THE SECRET IS TO BREAK PROBLEMS INTO SMALL, MANAGEABLE CHUNKS. IF YOU DEAL WITH THOSE, YOU'RE DONE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
FOR EXAMPLE, I'M SUPPOSED TO READ THIS ENTIRE HISTORY CHAPTER. IT LOOKS IMPOSSIBLE, SO I BREAK THE PROBLEM DOWN.
YOU FOCUS ON READING THE FIRST SECTION?
I ASK MYSELF, "DO I EVEN CARE?"
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By Jim Davis

I WON'T SAY THAT I SHED A LOT...
BUT I'VE WORN OUT THREE VACUUM CLEANERS THIS YEAR ALONE
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YOU LIKE?
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By Bryan Basset

WHAT DO YOU THINK DAD'S BUILDING OUT BACK?
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I DON'T KNOW. HE'S BEING SO SECRETIVE ABOUT IT.
I KNOW. HE BLACKED THE WINDOWS OUT. IT'S WILD!
I BET IT'S A COFFEE HUT.
THAT'S SO WEIRD. I CALL DAD "COFFEE THE HUTT" SOMETIMES.
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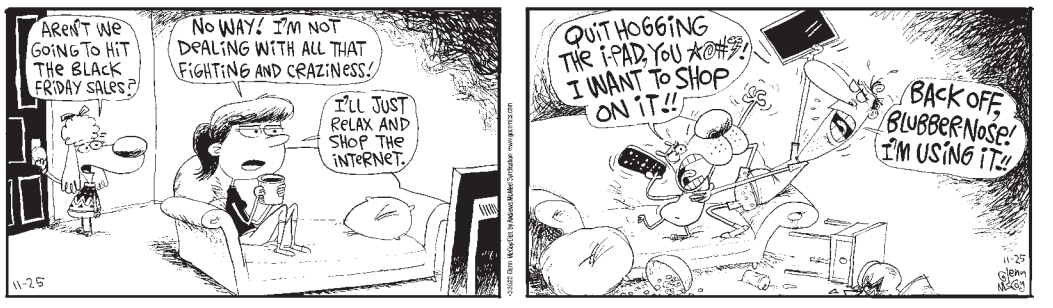
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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I'LL JUST RELAX AND SHOP THE INTERNET.
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BACK OFF, BLUBBERNOSE! I'M USING IT!!
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54 Desires
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5 "Make —!" (birthday cry)
6 Neither mate
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9 "Caught ya!"
10 "30 Rock" role
11 Tofu source
16 Song of praise
20 Babe, for example
23 Tombstone lawman
24 Peter Fonda role
25 Rind
26 Lt. Kojak
27 Swiss capital
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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Put more thought into handling your money. Look for an investment that encourages you to upgrade, and be ready for anything that comes your way. Call on those who have your best interests at heart. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Stop thinking and rearrange. It's OK to change your mind and head in a different direction if you tidy up loose ends first. Don't settle; do what makes the most sense and brings you closer to your long-term goal. Make your presence felt. ✪✪✪

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CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Think about what you want to happen and how you propose to get things done. An innovative approach will plant seeds and give others a chance to see the possibilities. Invest more time and money in yourself, your future and new prospects. ✪✪✪

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SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Check your ego at the door and get down to the business of honesty and integrity. How you treat others and allow them to treat you counts. Your job is to build respect by being fair. Don't let uncertainty cost you. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* A quiet approach to whatever situation you come up against will work best. Don't step in and take over prematurely. Give others a chance to do their thing before you pounce. You will get the highest return if your timing is impeccable. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Put your emotions aside and move forward cautiously. Go over every detail and size up situations before you share your thoughts and intentions. Your approach to responsibilities will be fundamental when trying to impress superiors. ✪✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Japan gets 2 late goals to upset Germany 2-1 at World Cup

DOHA, Qatar (AP)—Another World Cup day, another World Cup shock.

Substitutes Ritsu Doan and Takuma Asano scored late goals Wednesday to help Japan come from behind and upset Germany 2-1.

Both Doan and Asano play for German clubs.

"I believe it's a historic moment, a historic victory. If I think about the development of Japanese soccer, thinking of players, for them this was a big surprise," said Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu, who had five Germany-based players in his starting lineup and three, including the scorers, on the bench.

"They're fighting in a very strong, tough, prestigious league. They've been building up their strength. In that context we believe that those divisions (Bundesliga and second division) have been contributing to the development of Japanese players," Moriyasu said. "I'm very grateful for that."

Ilkay Gündogan had given four-time champion Germany the lead with a first-half penalty. But Doan, who plays for Freiburg, pounced on a rebound to equalize in the 76th minute after Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer blocked a shot from Takumi Minamino.

Then Asano, who plays for Bochum, sprinted clear of Nico Schlotterbeck and beat Neuer from a narrow angle in the 83rd minute.

It was the first competitive meeting between the two nations. They played two friendlies in the past, with Germany winning 3-0 in 2004 before a 2-2 draw in 2006.

Germany outplayed Japan for much of Wednesday's match and had 24 attempts on goal compared to Japan's 11. The Japanese had only 24% possession.

"It's brutally disappointing, not only for the players, but also the coaching team," Germany coach Hansi Flick said. "We deserved to go in front. It was more than deserved. Then you have to say that Japan gave us a lesson in efficiency."

The match was played a day after Argentina's 2-1 upset loss to Saudi Arabia.

Before their game, Germany's players covered their mouths during the team photo to protest against FIFA following its decision to stop plans to wear armbands that were seen as protesting discrimination in host nation Qatar.

Nancy Faeser, Germany's sports minister, attended the match at the Khalifa International Stadium and was sitting beside FIFA president Gianni Infantino while wearing the same "One Love" armband that FIFA had outlawed with its threats of consequences.

It was only the third time Germany had lost its tournament-opening game after defeats against Algeria in 1982 and Mexico in 2018. In the other World Cup openers for Germany, the team had won 13 matches and drawn four.

Despite giving away the penalty for a clumsy challenge on left back David Raum, Japan goalkeeper Shuichi Gonda made a string of saves and was player of the game.

"We fought as a team," Gonda said. "We have to make sure we never stop."

Japan's Takuma Asano, left, fights for the ball with Germany's Nico Schlotterbeck, on his way to score his side's second goal during the World Cup group E soccer match between Germany and Japan, at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022. AP

Morocco 0, Croatia 0

In Al Khor, Qatar, another surprisingly strong performance by an Arab country at the World Cup in Qatar stifled the threat of Luka Modric and held 2018 finalist Croatia to a 0-0 draw.

Morocco's resilient performance Wednesday came 24 hours after Saudi Arabia sparked the first World Cup in the Middle East into life by beating Lionel Messi's Argentina in one of the biggest upsets in the tournament's history.

Tunisia followed that up with a scoreless draw against European Championship semi-finalist Denmark.

Morocco managed to do enough to rein in Croatia captain Modric, who was still his team's best player in their Group F opener and had one of the best chances when his shot just rose over the crossbar in the first half. Dejan Lovran got a shot off at a corner in the second half and Sofyan Amrabat cleared off the line for Morocco to preserve the draw.

"It was a difficult game, especially in the first 15 minutes," Modric said. He said Croatia "missed something up front."

Modric didn't have nearly the same kind of impact he had throughout the last World Cup in Russia when he led Croatia to its first final before losing to France.

That was largely down to Morocco, who harassed and harried the Croatians at every turn, buoyed by their red-shirted fans, who outnumbered and made much more noise than the Croatian supporters.

"They played their hearts out. I congratulate them on that," said Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic. "They had a really energetic game and they had great support."

The 37-year-old Modric is playing in his fourth and what's expected to be his final World Cup, where he's looking to add an international title to his trophy-laden career with Real Madrid.

He was voted best player at the World Cup four years ago to wide acclaim. When he was then announced as player of the match on Wednesday, it was greeted by an outburst of boos from Morocco fans who had chanted and whirled scarves as they jumped up and down in the final minutes at Al Bayt Stadium.

Paris Saint-Germain defender Achraf Hakimi had the best chance for Morocco with a thumping second-half shot punched away with both fists by goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic.

Spain 7, Costa Rica 0

In Doha, Qatar, not since Pelé in 1958 had someone as young as Gavi scored a goal at the World Cup.

The 18-year-old midfielder led the way Wednesday as Spain pulled off the biggest World Cup victory in its history, routing Costa Rica 7-0.

"I could never have imagined it," said Gavi, who was named the game's most valuable player. "I know I'm the youngest in the team and I respect everyone, but on the field it's different and I bring out my best."

Pelé scored two goals in the 1958 final, when Brazil won its first World Cup by beating Sweden 5-2.

"I'm proud to be in that podium," he said. "Not even in my dreams I had imagined this."

Gavi only managed to score one goal on Wednesday, but his teammates added plenty of others.

Not long after Japan surprised Germany 2-1 in the other Group E match, Spain's young squad avoided any chance of an upset with Dani Olmo, Marco Asensio and Ferran Torres scoring a goal each in the first half. Torres, Gavi, Carlos Soler and Álvaro Morata added to the lead in the second half.

In addition to Gavi's mark, Olmo's goal was the 100th at World Cups for "La Roja," which became the sixth nation to score more than 100 times in the tournament.

It was the first time Spain scored seven goals in a World Cup match, and the first time a team completed 1,000 passes in a 90-minute game at the tournament.

"Our only goal is to control the game continuously, and to do that you need to have the ball," Spain coach Luis Enrique said.

With Gavi and 19-year-old Pedri starting, Spain also became the first European nation with two teenagers in the starting lineup of a World Cup match in 60 years, according to statistics platform Opta.

Gavi and Pedri were among the many youngsters picked by Luis Enrique in a revamped squad in Qatar—the third-youngest team among the 32 nations, after the United States and Ghana.

The young duo helped Spain control the pace of the match from the start at Al Thumama Stadium. The 22-year-old Torres, who is dating the daughter of coach Luis Enrique, scored his first World Cup goal from the penalty spot in the 31st minute. The others came during the run of play.

"When things go your way like this, soccer becomes wonderful," Luis Enrique said. "We played exceptionally well with and without the ball."

Costa Rica looked overwhelmed throughout the game in its third straight World Cup campaign, failing to even get a single attempt on goal. The team came to Qatar hoping to repeat its surprise run to the quarterfinals in 2014 in Brazil, and avoid a repeat of its winless showing four years ago in Russia.

"We didn't hold on to the possession as we should have done it," Costa Rica coach Luis Fernando Suárez said. "We couldn't complete three or four passes."

Spanish players made it look easy with the ball on their feet, finishing the match with 72% of possession.

Belgium 1, Canada 0

In Al Rayyan, Qatar, Kevin De Bruyne threw his hands up in disgust as another pass went astray. Eden Hazard was easily knocked off the ball. Michy Batshuayi was hauled off by his angry coach after a lazy flick to no one at all.

Belgium didn't live up to the hype of being the second-ranked team despite starting the World Cup with a 1-0 victory over Canada on Wednesday.

Thibaut Courtois saved an early penalty and Batshuayi scored the only goal at Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium to spoil the North American team's return to the tournament after 36 years.

Aside from the result, there was little for the Belgians to celebrate, with De Bruyne — one of the world's best players — mocking the decision to name him player of the match.

"No, I don't think I played a great game," a miserable-looking De Bruyne said after being told of his award. "I don't know why I got the trophy — maybe it's because of my name."

Belgium's aging team was outplayed at times by Canada, which has yet to collect a point or even score a goal in four World Cup matches — including the three games from its debut in 1986.

This should have been the game the Canadians broke that run. Alphonso Davies, the star of Canada's team, squandered the best chance when his penalty was blocked by Courtois, one of 21 shots taken compared to Belgium's nine.

"They showed tonight they do belong here," Canada coach John Herdman said of his players.

One moment of class in the 44th minute wound up deciding the game. It wasn't from one of De Bruyne's brilliant through-balls or Hazard's mazy dribbles, but instead a simple long ball over the top of Canada's defense by center back Toby Alderweireld.

It split the defense and Batshuayi ran through, letting the ball bounce twice before guiding a left-footed finish into the far corner.

"Delighted that, without being ourselves, we won the game," Belgium coach Roberto Martinez said.

Martinez said it was his team's worst performance on a technical level since he took charge more than six years ago.

"But was it the worst game?" he added. "No. Because it's a win."

There were six players in their 30s in Belgium's starting lineup, four of them having accrued more than 100 international appearances. Courtois and De Bruyne might reach three figures at this World Cup, in what looks like being a last hurrah for this group of players often described as a "golden generation."

The absence of Romelu Lukaku — a prolific scorer and big presence up front — is a huge blow to Martinez, with Batshuayi failing to impress as his backup aside from his well-taken goal.

Lukaku, who has a left thigh injury, could potentially miss the entire group stage.

NBA-leading Celtics bounce back from loss to beat Mavs

BOSTON (AP)— Jayson Tatum had 37 points and 13 rebounds and Jaylen Brown scored 31 points to help the NBA-leading Boston Celtics bounce back from a rare loss and beat the Dallas Mavericks 125-112 on Wednesday night.

The Celtics, who have an NBA-best 14 wins, had won nine straight before losing to the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Luka Doncic scored 42 points for the Mavericks, who had beaten Boston four straight times. Three of the wins came on a 3-pointer in the final seconds, and two of those were with no time at all on the clock.

But Doncic wasn't able to keep this one close.

The Celtics led by as many as 27 points in the third quarter before Dallas scored 13 of the next 15 points. The Mavericks got within nine points, 104-95 with about 3:30 remaining, and it was 117-107 when it became a game of one-on-one.

Nets 112, Raptors 98

In Toronto, Kyrie Irving scored 19 of his 29 points in the third quarter, Nic Claxton had 14 points and 12 rebounds and Brooklyn beat short-handed Toronto.

Toronto held Kevin Durant to 12 points but still lost to the Nets for the fifth time in seven meetings after winning 21 of the previous 25. Durant scored his 26,074th career point in the third quarter, passing Kevin Garnett (26,071) for 18th place on the NBA's list.

Royce O'Neale made a career-high five 3-pointers and scored 15 points, and Ben Simmons had 14 for the Nets, who bounced back after losing at Philadelphia on Tuesday. Brooklyn has won three of four.

Gary Trent Jr. scored 19 points for Toronto.

Toronto had 10 healthy players, with regulars Scottie Barnes (left knee) and Fred VanVleet (non-COVID illness) joining All-Star Pascal Siakam (strained right adductor) on the sidelines.

Bulls 118, Bucks 113

In Milwaukee, DeMar DeRozan had 36 points and eight assists and Chicago beat Milwaukee.

Chicago began the week with a 6-10 record but has now beaten the top two teams in the standings. The Bulls ended Boston's nine-game winning streak Monday night.

Zach LaVine and Nikola Vucevic scored 18 points apiece for Chicago, and Coby White had 14.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 36 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Bucks, who lost for just the second time in 11 home games this season.

Hornets 107, 76ers 101

In Charlotte, N.C., Terry Rozier scored nine of his 22 points in the final five minutes and Charlotte rallied to beat Philadelphia in a matchup of injury-riddled teams.

Charlotte, which trailed by 13 points in the first half, won for only the second time in 13 games and ended a three-game skid.

Philadelphia was playing without three starters — Joel Embiid, James Harden and Tyrese Maxey — but got strong efforts from Shake Milton, De'Anthony Melton, Montrezl Harrell and Tobias Harris.

AP

Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) drives the basket during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, in Boston.

Milton had 22 points, Melton 20, Harris 19 and Harrell 16 for Philadelphia. Harrell was playing in Charlotte for the first time since that franchise allowed him to leave via free agency last summer.

The Hornets were missing starting guard LaMelo Ball and top reserve Cody Martin, and lost guard Dennis Smith Jr. in the second quarter to left ankle sprain.

Warriors 124, Clippers 107

In San Francisco, Andrew Wiggins scored a season-high 31 points, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers during a key stretch midway through the third quarter, and Golden State beat Los Angeles.

Wiggins shot 12 for 18 and matched his most 3-pointers this season with six in his third straight 20-point performance.

Stephen Curry added 22 points, nine assists and six rebounds, while Klay Thompson scored 18 points.

Marcus Morris Sr. had 19 points for Los Angeles.

Hawks 115, Kings 106

In Atlanta, Trae Young scored 35 points, Clint Capela added 11 points and 14 rebounds and Atlanta ended Sacramento's winning streak at seven.

Young had 10 points in the third, including a straight-away 3-pointer that gave the Hawks a 97-86 lead, and his 27-foot 3 made it 110-97 with 3:58 left in the game and brought a huge roar from the crowd.

Malik Monk led the Kings with a season-high 27 points, and Domantas Sabonis had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Pistons 125, Jazz 116

In Salt Lake City, Bojan Bogdanovic scored 23 points and Kevin Knox II had a season-high 21 points, including a career-best six 3-pointers, and Detroit beat Utah for its second straight road victory.

Marvin Bagley III scored a season-high 19 points on 9-of-10 shooting and Alec Burks added 18 points.

The Pistons had lost seven in a row overall and 10 straight on the road before beating Denver on Tuesday night for their first road victory.

Malik Beasley led Utah with 29 points and a season-high eight 3s.

Nuggets 131, Thunder 126 OT

In Oklahoma City, Nikola Jokic scored 39 points, Aaron Gordon added 30 and Bruce Brown had a triple-double to help depleted Denver outlast Oklahoma City in overtime.

Brown had 17 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists. Denver played without starters Jamal Murray and Michael Porter Jr. Porter. missed the game with a left heel injury, while Murray was held out for rest.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 31 points and 11 assists for Oklahoma City. Isiah Joe hit 7 of 10 3s to score 21 points.

Cavaliers 114, Trail Blazers 96

In Cleveland, Donovan Mitchell scored 34 points and Jarrett Allen had a season-high 24 points and 13 rebounds in Cleveland's victory over Portland.

Darius Garland had 24 points and 12 assists to help Cavaliers complete a 4-0 homestand and improve to 12-6.

Jusuf Nurkic had 22 points and six rebounds for Portland. The Trail Blazers have lost four straight.

Portland guard Damian Lillard missed his second game in a row because of a strained right lower leg.

Heat 113, Wizards 105

In Miami, Kyle Lowry scored 24 of his 28 points in the first half, Tyler Herro made four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and Miami beat Washington to end a four-game slide.

Caleb Martin scored 24 points and Herro finished with 17 in his first game back following an eight-game absence with a sprained ankle.

Kyle Kuzma scored 33 points for the Wizards.

The teams will meet again Friday in Miami.

Timberwolves 114, Pacers 101

In Indianapolis, Karl-Anthony Towns scored 23 points — nine of them in a row in a key third-quarter run — and Minnesota beat Indiana.

Minnesota has won five in a row, four of them on the road, to improve to 10-8. Indiana had a five-game winning streak snapped to drop to 10-7.

Rudy Gobert had 21 points and 16 rebounds for Minnesota. Myles Turner led Indianapolis with 31 points, hitting seven 3s.

Pelicans 129, Spurs 110

In San Antonio, Zion Williamson had a season-high 32 points along with 11 rebounds and New Orleans handed San Antonio its sixth straight loss, 129-110 on Wednesday night.

Williamson was 14 for 18 from the field. The Pelicans extended their lead to 24 points in the fourth quarter in winning for the seventh time in nine games.

Jonas Valanciunas finished with 22 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans.

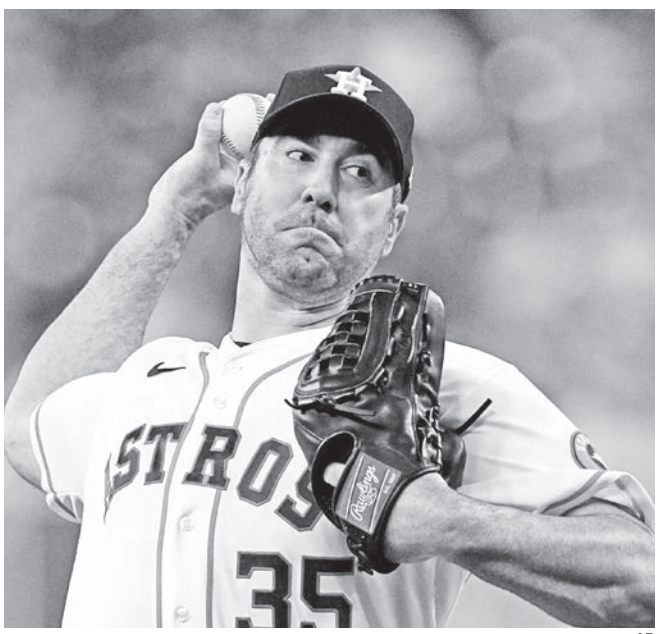
Spurs guard Devin Vassell had 26 points and eight assists.

Verlander, Pujols voted Comeback Players of the Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Houston Astros ace Justin Verlander and St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols won baseball's Comeback Player of the Year awards Tuesday night.

Verlander, the American League recipient, returned from Tommy John surgery to lead Houston to its second World Series championship. He had the lowest ERA in the majors and was a unanimous winner of his third Cy Young Award — becoming the first player to earn the prize after not pitching in the previous season.

Pujols, honored in the National League, came back to St. Louis for his farewell season and posted his biggest numbers in years at age 42. The three-time MVP compiled an .895 OPS for the NL Central champions and became the fourth major leaguer to reach 700 career home runs.



AP

Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander throws to a Minnesota Twins batter during the first inning of a baseball game Aug. 23, 2022, in Houston.

The winners were chosen in voting by the 30 team beat reporters at MLB.com.

Verlander went 18-4 with a 1.75 ERA and 185 strikeouts in 28 starts and made his ninth All-Star team. He won Game 5 in Philadelphia for the first World Series win of his illustrious career, then became a free agent this month.

The 39-year-old right-hander made only one start in 2020 because of his elbow injury and missed the entire 2021 season while recovering from surgery.

Pujols batted .270 with 24 homers and 68 RBIs in 109 games for the Cardinals after getting released by the Los Angeles Angels in May 2021 and finishing last year with the Dodgers.

His OPS was his highest since his last season with the Cardinals in 2011 (.906) before joining the Angels, and his home runs were his most since hitting 31 in 2016 for the Angels.

The 11-time All-Star hit 18 home runs in the second half and retired after the Cardinals were eliminated from the playoffs by Philadelphia in the wild-card round.

He finished his career fourth in major league annals in home runs (703), second in RBIs (2,218) and total bases (6,211), and ninth in hits (3,384).

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JSN Construction ended Blue Haus' yearslong undefeated streak after shocking the multi-titled masters champions, 93-74, in the 45-and-over division of the Legends Sports Association Invitational Basketball League last Sunday at the Koblerville Basketball Court.

Blue Haus actually started like a house on fire, leading fellow undefeated team JSN, 23-14, after one quarter of play.

But JSN turned things around in the second quarter and outscored their opponents 16-5 to grab a 40-28 lead at the break.

JSN continued to keep Blue Haus at bay come the start of the second half and entered the fourth and final quarter with a still comfortable 67-53 lead.

Big man Jorge De Guzman then made sure Blue Haus won't have any comeback this time, firing 8 of his game-high 23 points in the payoff period to tow JSN to the 19-point win.

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The JSN Construction team is seen here during the opening of the Legends Sports Association Invitational Basketball League last Nov. 13 at the Koblerville Basketball Court.

Jun Tabora and James Abuy also scored 22 and 21 points in JSN's second win in as many games, while the now 1-1 Blue Haus was led by the 16 markers of come-backing Jun Estolas and the 13 points of Elmer Esdrelon.

JSN coach Jake Villanueva said they surprised Blue Haus with good defense while also minimizing their turnovers. He said it also helped that their players were able to keep up with Blue Haus' speed and physicality this time around.

In the other masters match, Vizion Insurance leveled its record to 1-1 after a 112-89 shellacking of Legends Elite, which dropped to 0-2.

In the open division, Padrinos Tuesday Club topped Alger Manpower, 69-62; NAPA Auto Parts defeated Marianas Health Services, 90-53; Changming Market routed Vizion Insurance, 103-70; Pacific Best Choice beat Pepoy's Rest Cafe, 81-57; and Blue Haus thumped JIM Saipan, 107-71.

JSN Construction 93 – De Guzman 23, Abay 22, Tabora 21, Ocampo 8, Montano 7, Alegre 4, Bartolo 4, Villarin 3.

Blue Haus 74 – Estolas 16, Esdrelon 13, Berline 10, Guiab 7, Santos 7, Elchico 6, Alano 2, Culala 2, Buenabajo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-23, 40-28, 67-53, 93-74.

IT&E slips past Aqua Resort

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IT&E gave Aqua Resort Club its second straight heartbreak loss in the Inaugural IT&E MIBL Fantasy Draft Tournament last Saturday at the Agape Gymnasium.

Rodel Pastrana stole the ball less than 30 seconds left in the game clock and scored a layup to give IT&E a 3-point lead, 70-67.

Aqua Resort would quickly retaliate to make it a candlestick deficit, 69-70, but eventually ran out of time to drop to 0-2 in the season.

Just a day before, Aqua Resort lost in double overtime against Eats Easy.

Pastrana led IT&E with 16 points, while center Kelvin Fitial and forward Airson Atan chipped in 14 and 12 points, respectively.

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Participating teams in the Inaugural IT&E MIBL Fantasy Draft Tournament pose for a group photo with the Army Reserve that donated a basketballs.

Jack Aranda led Aqua Resort with a game-high 27 markers, while Greg Sablan added 20 points.

In the first game, La Mesa Kusina ran roughshod over fellow debuting team Latte Built, 70-36.

Mak Mintac led the victors with 12 points, while tourney first overall pick Coby Santos chipped in 9 points. Don Brennan and Gerald Flores led Latte Built with 14 and 10 markers, respectively.

Scoring by quarters: 12-5, 33-16, 43-28, 70-36.

First Game

La Mesa Kusina 70 – Mintac 12, Santos 9, Docs 8, Ong 7, Cruz 7, Saplan 3, Reyes 2, Hipolito 2, Galang 2, Che 2.

Latte Built 36 – Brennan 14, Flores 10, Aughenbaugh 4, Francisco 3, Athan 2, Mariano 1.

Second Game

IT&E 70 – Pastrana 16, Fitial 14, Atan 12, Basa 9, Diaz 7, Li 4, Santos Contributed 4, Capalad 3.

Aqua Resort Club 69 – Aranda 27, Sablan 20, Santos 11, Cui 4, Daluyen 3.

Hafa Miles 5K Run/ Walk this Saturday

Marianas Health is hosting a free Hafa Miles 5K Run/Walk tomorrow, Nov. 26, at 6am.

Registration starts at 5am at the Garapan Basketball Court and the run/walk will start from there, down to the Japanese Tank Memorial along Quartermaster Road in Beach Road then back.

It is an event for all ages to celebrate National Diabetes Prevention and Awareness Month.

"Show your support to helping the prevention of Diabetes by participating in the physical activities of this free event. Let's walk, run together as a family, CNMI!" said Marianas Health.

National Diabetes Prevention and Awareness Month is celebrated every November and is a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes, with Nov. 14 as World Diabetes Day. Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high.

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KETOLA

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ing up to the summit.

"I was barely running at that point. I live around here so I run on these roads quite a bit. So I knew it was going to be hard, but I never thought it was going to be this hard."

His roommate at St. Olaf College, Paul Timm, came in second with a time of 38:02, while Kagman Health Center physician's assistant Keith Longuski completed the Top 3 in 39:07.

The Commonwealth Health Center's own physician's assistant, Kate Lugert, was the first among the women after crossing the finish line in 39:48.

The Turkey Trot was the 33-year-old from Utah's first official race on Saipan.

"I've been wanting to participate in the races but I've been injured off and on and so finally I was healthy and able to compete."

Lugert said the Turkey Trot was one for the books and reminds her of the dirt paths she used to run in the Beehive State.

"I love this run. It's the one big hill that we can climb up and all the other races tend to be flat. So this feels like you're conquering something. I think I like this one the best."

Pacific Mini Games steeplechase silver medalist Denise Myers came in second in the women's division with a time of 45:09, while 12-year-old Aaddalee Taflinger came in third in 49:45.

All times are unofficial as Northern Marianas Athletics has yet to release the results of the Turkey Trot as of press time.

Aside from the usual suspects who were thrilled on the return of the face-to-face Turkey Trot, groups also came in full force to support the yearly tradition the morning before families gather around the table to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Agape Christian School, Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation, Frank Camacho and his Get Fit CNMI team, NMA, and Run Saipan, among others, took part in the event.

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they shot in 22 goals to the Mantas' 2—with each Dolphin having had the chance to score a goal or more in the game.

RasG Andon and Herman Addy scored the two goals for the Mantas.

In other results, Mount Carmel School defeated SSHS junior varsity, 4-1, and SSHS varsity blanked MHS junior varsity, 3-0.

SSHS is third in the standings with a 2-1-1 card, while MCS has a 2-0-1 record.

Along with Lubao, Bergancia, Shimizu, and Mister, Chanyang Woo, Jerald Aquino, Leland Guerrero, Andrew Sablan, and Daniell Mar Pablo make up the Dolphins' varsity team.

GARAPAN

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rapan fouled Chavez who made 2-2 from the free throw line with only 9 seconds remaining.

However, rather than foul to stop the ballgame, San Antonio inexplicably let Lopez dribble the remaining time away as Garapan escaped with the 49-47 victory.

Lumabi paced Garapan in the close win with 17 points, while Lopez added 13 markers. Chavez topped the now 0-3 San Antonio team with 12 points, while Mya Pangelinan chipped in 10.

Earlier in the day, Kagman improved to 4-0 in the boys 13 after thumping a winless Garapan crew, 46-29.

Leon Galarse spearheaded Kagman in the romp of Garapan with 18 points, while Liam Wilson shone in the loss with a game-high 23.

In the boys 18, Tanapag won the battle of two undefeated teams following a 50-39 victory over Koblerville.

Tanapag posted its fourth win thanks to the 17 points of Gino Rasg and the 15 points of Frankie Satur. The now 3-1 Koblerville was led by the 17 markers of Airson Atan.

On Sunday, Gualo Rai kept pace with Tanapag in the boys 18 after improving to 3-0 with its 101-17 demolition of San Vicente.

Craig Padayao continued his high-flying act with 31 points and he was ably assisted by the 24 points of Leo Naraja. Jerald Aquino unloaded 14 markers in the third straight loss for San Vicente.

In the women's division, Kagman kept San Jose winless after four games following a 40-18 victory.

Kagman now is at 2-1 and was led by the 16 markers of Kaia Travilla. May Kay Alferos fired 12 markers for San Jose.

Tanapag, meanwhile, notched its third win in four games in the boys 13 following a 48-26 victory over Finasisu, which lost its second game in three starts.

Dale Garcia fired 18 points in the win, while Leon Duenas had 10 points in the loss.

Garapan 49 – Lumabi 17, Mi, Lopez 13, Kautz 10, Flores 4, Garon 2.

San Antonio 47 – Chavez 12, Pangelinan 10, Abuan 6, Aa. Fatialofa 5, Navarro 4, Enriquez 3, Ai. Fatialofa 2, Az. Fatialofa 2.

Scoring by halves: 34-30, 49-47.

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Ketola, Lugert top return of Turkey Trot

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Lugert

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Participants of the 2022 Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run pose for a group photo after the 6.754-kilometer run early yesterday morning.

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Newcomers Keith Ketola and Kate Lugert were the fleetest afoot in the return of the Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot Run early yesterday morning.

The run to Saipan's highest peak—the 1,555-foot Mt. Tapochao—has been reduced to a virtual variety the past couple of years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but came back with the bang in 2022 with an unofficial record of over 170 registrants.

And speaking of records, Ketola was aching to break it in his first try but reached the summit in 37:13. Eli Torgeson still holds the record in the men's division when he ran the 6.754-kilometer course in 34:20 back in 2008.

Northern Marianas Athletics

Despite not resetting the Turkey Trot standard, the 26-year-old law clerk of CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona is still happy with his run.

"Almost a record but not quite. It's a tough race. You really have to manage your energy the first 80% because the last couple of hills on Mt. Tapochao are really, really tough."

Asked what was the hardest part of the Turkey Trot, Ketola said it definitely was the almost 90% incline on the paved road lead-

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MHS undefeated in HS soccer

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The Marianas High School boys varsity soccer team racked up two wins during their games in the NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League held last Nov. 17 and Nov. 22 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

With their wins, the Dolphins are undefeated with a 3-0 card and lead three other varsity teams in the season.

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Their latest conquest came after Saipan International School succumbed in silence, 4-0.

Brian Lubao broke through the Geckos' defenses only a minute into the battle, with teammates Anthony Bergancia, Cody Shimizu, and Dylan Mister firing at will to speed up the defeat of the Geckos.

The Geckos couldn't get a handle on the ball and settled for their first loss of the season, which put them at 2-1-1.

The week before, the Dolphins made mincemeat of the Saipan Southern High School junior varsity team as

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The Marianas High School varsity soccer team and Saipan International School duke it out on the field during their match last Tuesday in the NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League held at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Garapan noses out San Antonio in girls caging

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Garapan fended off a late game challenge by San Antonio to improve to 3-1 in the women's division of the 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

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With Garapan leading by 7 points, 43-36, with 1:40 left in the game, San Antonio uncorked a 9-4 run to narrow the gap to just a mere 2 points.

Mia Abuan started the rally when her layup made it into a 6-point game a little over a minute to go and a 3-pointer by Kaitlyn Chavez with 47 ticks left on the clock made it just a 3-point game, 44-41.

Luckily for Garapan, A.J. Garon escaped for a layup not 5 seconds after and Mikayla Lopez made 1-2 from the stripe. Abuan made another shot to make it 47-45 with less than 20 seconds to go in the ballgame.

Marlene Lumabi then came down the floor and scored easily before Ga-

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LEIGH GASES

Garapan's Quina Flores drives against a phalanx of San Antonio defenders during the 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.